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EGMORE,
4th August 1931.

P. MACQUEEN,
Curator, *Madras Record Office.*

LETTERS TO FORT ST. GEORGE 1731

(VOLUME 20).

[No. 1]

To the Hon^ble. George Moreton Pitt Esq^r.
&c. Council of Fort S^t. George.

Hon^ble. S^r. & S^rs.

Since our Last to You of the 8^th. of Sep . We have been Favour'd with yours of the 27^th. of August ℘ the Cadogan Enclosing Invoice and Bill of Loading for Eighteen Ch^ts. of Bullion & Twenty of Madrass Rup^s. & the remaining Part of the Redwood. DUPLICATE

As You are likely to fall so very short of your Quota of Bales, We have exerted Our utmost endeavours for the Tonnage of the four Ships design'd for your Port We have therefore laden on the Fordwich Eleven Hundred Bales and on the Craggs Eight Hundred And have Order'd them to call in at Vizagapatam to take in what Bales may be ready there, the Mary & Cadogan will be dispatch'd to your Hon^r. &c. by the 20 Inst^t. the former with Eleven Hundred Bales & the Latter with a thousand.

Your Hon^r. &c. will recieve this by the Fordwich & Craggs, with their Invoices & Bills of Loading for their Cargoes. We are to acquaint you that as the Patna Invoices & Cossimbazar Invoices are not yet Come to Hand We shall be Oblig'd to send you [an] Additionall Invoice of both these Ships by the Mary & Cadogan, the Fordwich, having on Board Forty Eight Bales of Patna Goods & thirty four Bales of Doosutties, which althô they are Loaded on Board them, rather than detain the Ships We chuse to send an Additionall Invoice after them.

We are now to advise that Our dispute with Futtichund, is intirely accommodated, He having at Last accepted of the Terms We first propos'd Only the Money to be paid him immediately We shall write you again by the other Ships and are

Fort William
Dec^r. the 9^th. 1730.

Hon^ble. S^r. & S^rs.
Your very Hum̃. Servants

Jn^o. Deane.
Matt^w. Wastell.
R^d. Bourchier.
Jn^o. Sainsb^ry. Lloyd.
Cha^s. Hampton.

[No. 2]

To the Hon^ble. George Moreton Pitt Esq^r.
President, and Gov^r. of Fort S^t. George
&c^a. Council.

Hon^ble. S^r. & S^rs.

Your two Letters of the 7^th. and 22^d. Ult^o. are come to hand, in the first We observe what Y^r. Hon^r. &ca mention concerning the fine Cloth, and shall apply our Selves to the providing as great a Quanti[ty of the] ordinary, as We possibly can: not in [the least] doubting the Encouragement your Hon^r. &c. [are p]leas'd to promise.

[We are] sure to obey your Orders in relati[on to the] supplying Mr. Sanderson as far [as We can] . . .

[. . .] the 22d. Ulto. [. . . .] with the [. . .]al.

[*Half a page lost*].

We are heartily sorry 'tis not in our Power; to give Yr. Honr. &ca. a better Accot. of the country, both to the Southward, and Northward, Hadgi Hassan still continues as troublesome as ever, and We cannot hear of any Peace as yet to the Northward, but We shall be sure to put in practice the Diligence Yr. Honr. &ca. recommend to Us, and use all possible [mea]ns for the enlarging this Year's Investment.

We are with the greatest respect

VIZAGAPATAM
2D: JULY 1731.

HONBLE: SR: & SRS:
[Your] most Obedient [. . .]
[. . .]

No. 3.

TO THE HONBLE. GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SRS.

Our last was of the 28th. Ulto. [since] which we are not Honour'd. We are here [with] some Concern, oblig'd to observe to your H[onour &ca.] some further Damages than those there [mentioned] since done by the continued Rains, E[. . .] whereof we inclose And beg leave may [. . .] to [the] former.

The Parriar Inhabitan[ts of the] Patcheree Village Complaining of their [danger] by the late Freshes running in Penny R[iver which] they observe to have of late Gain'd yearly [. . .] And praying leave to remove to the high[er] Ground a little nigher Tevnepatam, We [seeing] it no ways Inconvenient, have Gratify'd [their] Request, which we now Offer to your Hon. &[ca] Approval.

We here Transmitt our account Cash for last month And

By the subsequent List you w[ill] observe all the progress we have been able to ma[ke] in our Investment.

The Elizabeth Anchor'd here at Noon, And will proceed in a few days.

We are

[FORT] ST. DAVID
THE 29TH. DECEMBER 1730.

HONBLE SIR & SRS.
Your most Faithfull Servants

[Account] Bales.	
[In t]he Warehouse	14
[At] the Beaters	9
[At the] Washers	1
[At the] Dyers	27
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ROBT. SYMONDS.
EDW: CROKE.
R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
THO: EYRE.
HOLLAND GODDARD.
EDWD. HARRIS.

No. 4.

NAGAPATNAM le premier de Janrier 1731.

MESSIEURS

En egard à la mutuele alliance d'amitiè, que Messieurs nos Maistres conservent avec ceux de la Royale Compagnie Angloise, & à cause de commun interest, associe a la bonne intelligence, que Vous avez la bontè de continuer avec nous : nous sommes instiguez pour Vous faire scavoir le nouveau, que nous avons receu hier au soir de

Mons[r]. le directeur Jacob Sadelyn, & du Conseil d' Hougly en Bengale, du 13 Ottobre S.N. touchant l'apparition d'une barque d'Ostende a la rade de Bellazooz, qu' ils disent, qu' apres avoir montrer des drapeaux Imperiaux & Francois s'en ait retiré, & cherchée la mer haute demeurante pourtant Fluctuer proche de Punto Palmeros. C'est pourquoy les ministres de Bengale ne craignent pas sans raison, que cet avanturier en trouvant l'occasion á la rencontre usera de repressailles contre les barques de notre compagnie, pour se revoncher de procedures, qu' on a fait à la contre ceux illegitimes lucra teurs. Et estant certain, qu'ils hasarderont la même fortune contre les barques de vôtre honorable compagnie, en cas de rencontre : nous n'avons pas roulu manquer de Vous en adviser le plus vitement pour en faire la precaution tant que nous pouvons, afin que Vous en puissier prendre de mesures conformes de Vos sages maximes. Cependant nous Vous recommendons a la protection de Dieu demeurants de touts nos coeurs, Messieurs, Vos trefidels amys, & tres humbles servitieurs [&c[a].]

MADRASPATNAM.

Aan den Wel Edelen gestrengen Heer George Martin Pit, President en Gouverneur van't fort St. George, en de cust van Chormandel, etc ; etc : van Wegen de regt honorable Engelse oost Indische Compagnie Nevens den Raad aldaar.

WEL EDELE GESTRENGEN HEER, EN WAARDE VRUNDEN.

De onderlinge band van vriendschap, Welke on se hooge Principalen met die van de Royale Engelse Compagnie conserveren, benevens het commûne intrest, gepaart met de goede intelligentie, Welke Uldele de goed heid hebben met ons te onder houden, noopt ons aan, deselve ouverture te doen van de týdinge, ons gisteren a vond van den Heer Directeur Jacob Sadelýn, en Raad tot Hoûgly in Bengale, gedateert 13 ? October S. N. : aan handen gestromen concernerende de verschyninge van Zeker Oostendisch Schip ter rhiede Bellazoor, dat na het vertoonen van Keyserlýk en France vlaggen wêer t'zee gestoken, dog toen nog crûýt sende Zoude Zýn geweest omtrent Punto Palmeros, niet buýten bedugting van het Bengaals ministerie, dat desen avonturier bý occagie wel repressaille mogte gebruyken jegens de Scheepen van on se Compagnie, by ontmoetinge, over de procedûren, ginder jegens die illegitime gewin Zoekers in 't werk gesteld.

En dewyl het Zeker is, Zý, lieden dieselve kanse mede Zouden wagen jegens Schee, pen van Ulde[le] maatschappye in cas van rencontre Zo heb, ben wý tot voorkominge van dien Zo veel in ons is, niet mogen af zyn, Uidele van die passagie ilico kennisse te geven, ten eýnde daarna mesûres te konnen nemen, over cenkomstig met Uld[n] Eooge Wýsheýd ; Waarmede Uld[n]. in Godes protectie [. . .]velen, en n[. . .]cordiale groete verblýven.

NAGAPATNAM
IN'T CASTEEL DEU L ?
JANÚARY 1731.

Wel Edele gestreng[en]
Heer en Waarde Vrun[den]
WEL EDELE gestreng[en]
aldergetrouwste Vrunden
ootmoedige dienaren

HEA.
COM[C]. [CISSUNT].
LOUIS VICTOR.
WILLIAM CRIELAA[. . .]
[*Illegible*].
[*Illegible*].
L. K. WMS. PIMS.
H. FINNIGER.
H. MOSSEL.

N°. 5.

To the Hon'ble George Moreton Pitt Esq^{R}.
Presid^{T}. & Gov^{R}. &c^{A}. Councill at Fort S$_{T}$. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Dupli-cate. We have not been Honour'd wth. any of yo^{r}. Commands since the Receipt of yo^{r}. Favour under the 4th. No[v^{r}.] 1729 nor have we had Occasion to address you till receiving notice of Late that the Honble George Moreton Pitt Esq^{r}. was appointed by our Honble Masters to succeed in that Goverm^{t}. to whom we take this Opportunity of paying our Compliments.

In July Last a contagious Distemper broke out in this District in many of its symptoms resembling the small Pox, which has since Dayly incr[ea]sed upon us, insomuch that 'tis with Difficulty we find People to bury the Dead; Our Garrison is by this Visitation so much reduc'd, that we are at a Loss at present how to furnish our selves, & no supplys of Men being sent out this Season to Bombay, we doubt it will be Impossible for them to spare us any without putting themselves to the greatest Streights Imaginable, considering the Troubles they seem at present Engag'd in; & as the Dutch are Endeavouring by all means possible to distress the Settlements, & are raising what Forces they can on this Coast, for Ends that we no wise suppose are tending to our H^{o}. Masters Interest, We Earnestly request you will (if possible) supply us with Thirty or Forty Soldiers, Europeans, Mustees or Topasses or a greater number (if you can spare them) even to Fifty, for we are under the Greatest apprehensions Imaginable that the Natives, when they perceive us unable to withstand them, will according to Custom give us Trouble.

The Lethieulier commanded by Cap^{t}. John Shepheard, & the Prince William Cap^{t}. William Beresford arriv'd Bombay the 20th. Augst. & the Barrington from Mocha was unhappily lost in Entering that Port the 23^{d}. September, but her Ships Company sav'd. We are with the Greatest Respect Imaginable

Tellecherry
Nov^{R}. 2^{D}. 1730.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servants

Jn^{o}. Braddyll.
W^{m}. Forbes.
J. Howard.
W^{m}. Jeynson.

[*On the back of the letter is written the following*].

M^{R}. Walsh,

You must incert in the letter this request of Telecherry & our proceedings upon it.

Y^{rs}.
G.M.P.

N°. 6.

To the Hon^{BLE}. George Morton Pitt Esq^{R}.
President and Governour &c^{A}. Council of Fort S^{T}. George.

Honble Sir & S^{RS}.

We are Favour'd with yours of the 4th. And have accordingly dispatch'd our annual Books and Papers under Yesterd[ays] date, So that we have now only left us to inclose our Account Cash for the Month [of] December with Invoice and

Bill of Lading for the few Bales we had ready in our God[own] which go Consign'd to your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. on the Jenny Grab, And are to the Amount of Pag^{s}. 2323. 27. on our Hon̄ble Masters Acc[ount].

We wish them safe and early with You, and are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
THE 15 JANRY 1730/31.

HON̄BLE SIR & S^{RS}.
Your most Obedient Servants

ROB^{T}. SYMONDS.
EDW: CROKE.
R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
THO: EYRE.
HOLLAND GODDARD.
EDW^{D}. HARRIS.

N^{o}. 7.

TO THE HON̄BLE GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT AND GOVEENOUR
&C^{A}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HON̄BLE SIR & S^{RS}.

This accompany's our Books and Papers containing the Transactions here the past Year, and Answers such paragraphs in the General Letter from the Hon̄ble Court of Directors as relate to this Settlement.

1. We were both ready & willing to put in Execution the Orders contain'd in 26
this paragraph, and did accordingly make an Advance to our Merchants for the Sallampores they Contracted to bring in, but to what purpose you will see when we come to speak of the Investment.

2. That the several Buildings and Repairs propos'd are Approv'd of is a great 39
encouragement to Us to proceed therein with no less resolution than Frugality, We have these two years past been disappointed of Timbers but are in hopes shortly of receiving them from Pegue, when they arrive we shall go to work without loss of time, And if possible finish what we have to do before the Rains set in.

3. Hitherto we have not heard any Complaints from our Inhabitants of Fraud 47
or Extortion in those who have Rented the Measurage of Grain We shall keep a strict Eye upon them And if they are caught in such Unwarrantable practises, punish them as they deserve.

4. The Account of M^{r}. Packer's Estate has been long since Clos'd by the 70
Gentlemen appointed to take out Letters of Administration And the Counterpart of 82
M^{r}. Vezians Covenants we suppose are at Fort S^{t}. George since they are not to be found in our Office.

5. Those Gentlemen residing here against whom the Honble Company have 97
a suit depending in Chancery Assure us that according to the best of their Judgement they will Comply with the Orders contain'd in this paragraph And get their Answers drawn up according to the directions given, And send them by some of this year's Shipping.

INVESTMENT.

6. In order to give your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. as thorough a Light into this Article as we can we must beg leave to referr you to the several Letters wrote from hence upon this Head, and bear date Viz^{t}: 12th. May, 23^{d}. & 29th. June, 7th. July & 19th. October by all which you will perceive the difficultys we labour'd under till that time; since which our Merchants have brought in nothing till within these 15 days, and That but a meer Trifle, the quantity scarce worth mentioning, Yet That they may not want something to say for themselves They promise Heartily, cry out on the dearness of

Cotton one day, the badness of the Roads occasion'd by the last Violent Rains another, when in plain Truth the reason is they cannot Comply with their Contract without utterly ruining themselves, & [they] chuse rather to trust to your Hon^r. &c^a's. Mercy in Exacting the Penalty than run themselves into [in]visible and perhaps irretreivable Loss: Was the difference only a Pagoda upon a Corge possibly they might be wrought upon to share the Loss among them but when it runs so high as Pag^s. 6 it is more than they are able to bear; And did not the Volatile Temper of our Neighbours at Pondichery evince the contrary we could never have imagin'd that any European nation would have prosecuted a Trade upon an Apparent Disadvantage of 25 ℔ Cent. Our greatest hopes of Succeeding in our next year's Investment depends upon Their ruining themselves, And a plentifull Crop of Cotton, While we are upon this Subject we ought to Advise your Hon^r. &c^a. how many Bales we hope to have ready by the middle of next month Though at the same time we are asham'd to say that we believe they will scarce make up 100.

Buildings.

7. The Hospital at the Fort And the New House at the Garden have stood still for want of Timbers but we expect some from Pegue this Season, when we shall go about them. Though we have had no occasion for more than the Customary Repairs yet the late unusual Rains and Freshes from the Country have Administer'd Cause for an extraordinary expence next year And such as is Unavoidable, whereof we have already made the nearest Calculate we can And shall by the strictest Frugality imaginable take care, if possible not to exceed it.

Rents and Revenues.

8. All our Farmers by the late Deputy Governour's good management have notwithstanding the great scarcity made a shift to pay their Rents excepting the Arrack Farm which Cowle being expir'd no body would touch it for six months during which time not above Pag^s. 275. 5. 77. was Collected, nor is it to be Admir'd that people should debarr themselves the use of Strong Liquors while they wanted Rice to eat, However upon the prospect of better times we Lett it out in July for the customary Rent.

9. Though the Sea Custom of Cudalore is more by Pag^s. 227, this, than the preceeding Year occasion'd by several Vessels Laden with Grain sent hither by M^r. Symonds, Yet upon comparing the whole Amount of Land & Sea Custom at Cuddalore and Tevnepatam, it falls short of the last year[s] Pag^s. 815 23. 28. This deficiency is owing to the Loss of the Ship Lynn by which upwards of Thirty thousand Pagodas lay Dormant and paid [no] Custom till October following, which if it had been brought into the Customs for 1729 would have rather exceeded than fall'n short of the preceeding year. The Bound Renters have taken the Windmill of Us at Pa. 160 ℔ Añn, during that [Cowle].

Expences.

10. Almost in every Article the Expences have been lessen'd this year And upon the whole eight hundred ninety three pagodas but the reductions that have been so lately m[ade] have not left us the least room to make any further progress, And we hope we shall merit your Hon^r. &c^a's. Approbation if we can keep it as it is.

Debts.

11. We have Contracted no new [debt] as may be seen by the inclosd List, And wish it were in our power to recover any of the old [ones] to which end we shall let slip no opportun[ity] that Offers.

Covenanted Servants.

12. We are here to remark the [Loss] of M^r. Richard Gilman, who dyed of Counci[l the] 31^st. March.

13. Mr. Symonds Arriv'd here the [. . .] June with your Commission, to possess him[self] of the Government here, which was duely [. . .] Honour'd. And

14. As this Letter will be Transm[itted] to the Honble Court of Directors, he does beg leave to signifie therein his Gratefull Thanks [to] his Honble Masters in regard they have thou[ght] him worthy of so Important a Trust, And Assure them that he will Conduct himself [with] the utmost Diligence and Fidelity in the discharge thereof.

15. Messrs. Graham and Johnson return'd, with your leave, to Fort St. George [And] the vacancys in Council of the Former and [of Mr.] Gilman are supply'd by the Arrival of Messrs. Eyre and Goddard the 23d. September. M[essrs]. Mountague Burton and Foxall are also ar[rived] to our Assistance.

MILITARY AND PEONS.

16. The state thereof your Honr. &ca. will find in the enclosd Roll, And that all the Alterations are Ensign Brewster's dying the 20th. May, he was succeeded in that Commission by Mr. Francis Louis De La Chaux who hath since so badly Behav'd himself as to be judg'd Unworthy of that Favour which is now Conferr'd on Mr. Buckberry whose Behaviour we hope will better requite it.

We have now nothing more to Add, And therefore Subscribe

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Faithfull And

Obedient Servants

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 14 JANRY 1730[—31].

ROBT. SYMONDS.
EDW : CROKE.
R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
THO : EYRE.
HOLLAND GODDARD.
EDWD. HARRIS.

No. 8.

TO THE HONBLE. GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE
&CA. COUNCIL.

HONBLE. SIR, & SIRS,

I am to acknowledge your hono[urs &ca.] favour of the 16th. Ulto. and now take leave of send[ing] your Honr. &ca. Account the Honble. Company [Thirty] Bales which I Value Account the [. . .] on their Account, to Fifteen hundred sixty [. . .] Eighteen Fanams, but submit to your Honr. [&ca's] pleasure for sorting the same, as your Honr. [&ca.] your Superiour Judgements shall find Deserving.

By the 12th. I design to Dispatch [. . .] Briggantine, but was not so punctual to my Promise of that, of the Boat, because they had got her ready, I wish the Boat a Safe Arriv[al] and am with due Respects

INGERAM
[4TH] JANUARY. 1730/1

HONBLE. SIR, & SIRS,
Your Most Faithfull, & Mos[t]
Obedient Servant
JOHN SANDERSON.

P.S.
Inclosed is the Account
[Cha]rges & Bill of Laden for the
[Thir]ty Bales.

Idem.
J.S.

A RELATION OF A SEA FIGHT BETWEEN THE BBAY CRUIZERS & ANGRIAS GRABS THE 25TH. NOVR. 1730 OFF COLABBO.

The Victora Figgat, Bombay & Bengall Gallies well fitted & mann'd being order'd to lye of Colabbo to prevent Angria's Grabs from getting out of that Port, the said Grabs full of Men with fifteen Gallivatts at break of Day the 25th. of this Inst. push'd out of Colabbo with the Land Wind, and with Uncommon Resolution bore down and attack'd the two Gallies, Two Grabs & a number of Gallivats to each Galley, the Victoria having unfortunately the Night before given Chace to a ship in the offing, and in the morning was at too great a Distance to give any Assistance before it was too late, there being little or no Wind the Grabbs lay astern of the Gallies, battering them with their Proe Guns, the Gallies having no stern Chace or any other Defence but their small Arms which they ply'd very briskly, notwithstanding which the Enemy attempted severall Times to lash their Grabbs to the Gallies Quarter and Board & were as often repuls'd & beat off with great Loss: An unlucky shot from the Enemy set fire to two Chest of Powder flasks that stood on the Bombay Gallies Quarterdeck which mortally wounded Capt. Campbell & hurt severall of his people, yet he cleard his Vessell thô four Times boarded, but the Bengall Galley was carried the third Attack, the Captain & most of his Men being kill'd and Wounded, the smallest of the Grabs with the Gailivats took the Bengall in Tow & carry'd her to Colabbo before the Victoria coud come to her Rescue but in going in the Galley struck & 'tis hop'd she is lost, the other three Grabbs stood to the Southwd. to join as tis supposed Sambajee Angria's squadron at Giriah consisting of two Grabbs & two Galliots taken from the Portugeeze, & fourteen Gallivats, so that both together he will have a Considerable and formidable fleet, & elated with this success will doubtless attack any Vessells he meets it therefore behoves all ships bound to the Northward to be upon their Guard and use the necessary Precaution for their safety till the Bombay squadron is Reinforcd in [*sic*] goes in quest of the Enemy, which will be done with all Convenient Speed.

BOMBAY CASTLE
THE 27TH. NOVR. 1730.

N°. 9.

To the Hon^ble George Moreton Pitt Esq^r.
President & Governour &c^a. Councill
of Fort S^t. George.

Hon^ble Sir & S^rs.

Herewith we transmitt your H[onour &c^a.] a relation of a seafight between the Bombay [squadron] and Angria's Grabbs off Colabbo the 25^th. Nov[ember] last as also Triplicate of our Addresses to you [dated] the 2^d. of s^d. Month.

We again most humbly int[reat your] Hon^r. &c^a. will (if possible) supply us with the Me[n we] then requested, for we are not able to list any on [this] Coast, nor do we judge it possible for our superiours [at] Bombay to spare us any, Considering the present Po[sture] of Affairs there, & the sickness here is not the least [abated] We shou'd not be so pressing on this Head were i[t not] that we apprehend there is no want of Inclin[ation] in the natives arround us for to give us trouble [when] they find our Garrison not able to meet them [in the] field.

Tellicherry
December 13^th. 1730.

We are with all Respect
Hon^ble Sir & Sirs
Your Hon^r. &c^as. most Obedient
Humb[le] Servants
Jn^o. Braddyll.
W^m. Forbes.
J. Howard.

N°. 10.

Canton Dec^r. 12 [1730].

Gentlemen

The Loss of the Prince George and disappoin[tment] Captain Tullie hath met with determin'd us to send [the] King George Sloop to you, as ℘ enclos'd Invoice and B[ill] of Lading, for Wee conclude Teutanegue will be muc[h wan]ted in the Bay, and that Gold will turn to a better A[ccount] at Madrass than it can do at Bombay, where Wee [are] directed to send the said Galley, and therefore Wee hope will dispatch her as soon as possibly you can that Ou[r] Hon^ble. Master's President and Council there may [have] her with them in good Season.

Wee are Gentlemen much obliged to you for [the] Letter you were pleas'd to send us ℘ Canton Merchan[t as] to our great concern your advices from England did n[ot prove] true, for Wee have a ship here certainly belonging to [some] persons in the Austrian Netherlands and Wee shall [do all] Wee can on our part to prevent her getting to Eur[ope]

Captain Tullie hath had all the assistance [we] have been hitherto capable of giving him, and you m[ay] depend upon every thing in our power at all times to [do to] him. Wee are

Gentlemen
Your most Obe[dient]
Humble Servan[ts]
J. Nais[h].
Edm^d. God[frey].
Geo: Arbuthn[ot].
Rich^d. Le[...].
William La[. .].
John Rape[...].

To The Hon^ble. George Moreton Pitt Esq^r.
President &c^a. Council.

No. 11.

To the Honble. George Morton Pitt Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. of Fort St. George &ca. Councill.

Honble. Sir & Sirs

Our last to your Honr. &ca. was under date the 9th. Instant ℔ ships Fordwich & Craggs wh[ose] Pilots left them the 16th. You will receive this ℔ [Ship] Mary & Cadogan, whom We send directly to you [to] be fill'd up for England, the former with Eleven [hundred] & the latter with One thousand Bales, as ℔ Invoice & Bills of Loading Enclos'd, the Mary's Invoice amots. to Rupees Five hundred seventy nine thousand Eight hundd. twenty three 4 as. 9 pie & the Cadogan's to Rupees [. . .] hundred seven thousand Eight hundred thirty one, Fourteen annaes.

We are now Loading the Bridgewa[ter] & Duke of York, whom We hope to dispatch sometime in January for Great Brittain.

The 23rd. Instant We received a letter from the Govr. & Councill of Bombay dated the 9th: Septr: 1730 advising that the Prince William & Lethieulleir arrived there from Great Brittain the 20th. August, & that the Barrington from Mocha, appeared off that Port the 23rd. of the same month, but going in run ashore most unaccountably on the sea reef, [&] was entirely lost with three thousand three hundd. Bales of Coffee on board on the Compas: Account.

Herewith We send you Invoices & Bills of Loading for packing Stuff & stores sent you on these Ships agreable to the Indent received from you.

Enclos'd We send a paragraph of the Honble: Compas. letter to Us concerning the sale of Gunns & Anchors, you will please acquaint Us the prices you sell at, that We may regulate our price accordingly.

We are
Honble: Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants

Fort William
6th. December 1730.

Jno. Deane.
Mattw. Wastell.
Rd. Bourchier.
Jno. Sainsby. Lloyd.
Chas. Hampton.

P.S.
[These] Ships Charterpartys [are] return'd You.

P.S.

The accompanying packetts to the Honble. Court of Directors We beg you will forward by the Ships as directed.

On examining the Goods rec'd ℔ Mary We find there is wanting [. . .] casks of Iron shott containing [. . .]000 wch. Capt. Holden says was deliver'd ashore to your Honr. &ca. at Madrass it is Indors'd upon his bill of Loading & if he has not [del'd] it wth. you We desire you'l acct. wth. him for it & bring it to our Honble. Masters the Invoice price is £68 s — d 9.

Jno. Deane.
Mattw. Wastell.
Rd. Bourchier.
Jno. Sainsby. Lloyd.
Chas. Hampton.

[N°. 12].

To the Hon^ble^. George Morton Pitt Esq^r^. President & Gov^r^. of Fort S^t^.George &c^a^. Council.

Hon^ble^. Sir, & Sirs,

This accompanys Duplicate of my last of the 4^th^. Ins^t^, ℘ Country boat Annemountee, which I hope is safe Arrived, with Account, & bill of Lading of the Thirty Bales sent on her; I now take leave of sending One Hundred, & Three Bales, ℘ the Shaveram Briggantine, I was in hopes, of a much larger quantity of brown Cloth for these last 11 daies, but the Jentue Feast happening in that time, & the cotton growing Excessive dear, which has been the Occation, but one month more will, (I hope) give a great alteration to the Price of cotton.

There is a Report, that this Year the French is design'd to settle again, at Yanam, but hope there is no truth in it, beleiving the Consequences woud be of very great Prejudice to the Success, I am in hopes to have, Especially if they Contract for those sorts that give a greater advantage to the sellers, than I am at Present permitted to doe.

I take leave of sending a List of demands herewith; my Accounts from the 1^st^. May to the last December comes also, by the Briggantine, and as soon as I know how your Honour &c^a^. has been pleas'd to sort the Cloth, shall bring this to Account.

M^r^. William Crawford who was sent by the Hon^ble^. Gov^r^. & Council this time two Years, upon the Shaveram Briggantine, the misfortune of his deafness is the reason why, I am desirous of parting with him, it being a very great one, in [such] a place where there is only two People, and I have got a young man, very Capable of buisness, and [well] fit for a Companion, if your Honour &c^a^. woud p[lease] to admit of the Charge, of M^r^. Crawfords going to Maddepollam, now Sabbana is pend up (and [I] hope will be Vanquished) We shall be able to get a [good] many Bales from thence, which, (very well) will Answer that Charge.

Your Hon^rs^. &c^a^. favour of the 26 December just now came to hand.

I am with the utmost Respect

Ingeram

12^th^. Januar^y^. 1730/1.

Hon^ble^. Sir, & Sirs,

Your most Obedient & most faithfull Humble Servant

John Sanderson.

P.S.

herewith comes Duplicate of Lett[r.] Account Cloth, & bill of Laden, sent you by Annee Mountee the 4^th^. Ins^t^.

Idem.

J: S:

N°. 13.

To the Hoñble George Morton Pitt Esq^r^. President and Governour &c^a^. Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Hoñble Sir & S^rs^.

We have none from You to Answer but are to Acquaint Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. that Capta[in] Le Revier Commander of one of the Pondicherry Vessels has Deserted that Settlement and arrived [to] Claim a Protection this Afternoon, we cannot [find] whether he is Chargable with any Misdemean[or] or what else may be the occasion of this Accid[ent] since he has not yet been Demanded back.

Mr. Harris represents that [he] has receiv'd a Commission from the Court of Cha[ncery] to swear and take the Answers of such of the Defendants to the Companys Bill exhibited [in] that Court as reside here, And Understanding his presence at Madrass necessary for the f[ull] Execution of it, begs your Honrs. &c. leave to go and Acquit himself of that Charge.

We have receiv'd Petitions from George Marten, Robert Sly, and Archibald War[. . .] of our Military who have bore arms here u[pwards] of Twelve years. And. considering that ser[vice] have given them leave to go and address them [selves] to your Honr. &ca.

Inclosed comes an Indent of what stores we want here, And

At foot hereof we present you Account particulars of the two Europe Ships Cargo [which] Saild from Pondichery.

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 26 JANRY 1730[31].

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient Servants

ROBT. SYMONDS.
EDW: CROKE.
R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
THO: EYRE.
HOLLAND GODDARD.
EDWD. HARRIS.

List of the French Cargoes Vizt.

SHIP NEPTUNE'S

	bales.	
[Beng]all piece Goods	950	
Pondichery Callicoes	150	
		1100
LE LOUIS		
[Be]ngall ps. Goods	550	
[Pon]dichery Callicoes	650	
		1200
	Bas.	2300

[...] a Country Ship, for Myhie.
[...] Treasure 30 bales Callicoes.
[...] 240 bags Country Iron 20 Ca.
[...] 10 chests Europe Broad Clo. 1 Bale.
[Count]ry Match 40 Ca. arms 1 Chest.
[...] shot 15 Cask Soldiers 20.

No. 14.

TO THE HONBLE. GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE. SR. & SRS.

This serves to enclose Invoice & Bill of Lading for forty Two Bales of Calicoes laden upon the Margaret Anne, on Accot. & Risque of our Honble. Masters, Amounting to Pags. two thousand three [hundred] seventy two & 12 fa: Subbana's being hardly p[ressed] by Hadjee Hussan (the Ellore Nabob) [makes] the Country for

the present in a seeming Quietness, therefore We shall lay hold of the Advantages & push on the Investment to the utmost of our power in the Absence of M^r^. Davis, who took his passage, upon the Fordwich.

VIZAGAPATAM
JAN^RY^. 13^TH^. 1730/31.

We are with humble Respect,
HON^BLE^. S^R^. & S^RS^.

Your most Obedient & most
humble Servants

CHA: SIMPSON.
RICH^D^. DOCKWRA.

P.S.

Enclosed have sent the Paymasters Acco^ts^. for y^e^. m^o^. of December 1730, that month not being expired when M^r^. Davis departed from hence.

Idem.

C. SIMPSON.
RICH^D^. DOCKWRA.

N^o^. 15.

TO THE HON. GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^A^. COUNCIL OF
FORT S^T^. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & S^RS^.

We were this morning Favoured with your Hon. &c^as.^ Letter of the 4^th^. And shall observe your directions respecting M^r^. Le Rev[iere].

We have Laden on the Rama [for] Fort S^t^. George 25 Bales of Callicoes Amounting to Pag^s^. 1768 26 40 on our Honble Master's Ac[count] as ℔ Bill of Lading Inclos'd. We have only [once] more to write Ourselves.

HONBLE SIR & S^RS^.

FORT S^T^. DAVID.
THE 7^TH^. FEBRY. 1730[—31].

Your most Obedient Servants
ROB^T^. SYMONDS.
EDW: CROKE.
R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
THO: EYRE.
HOLLAND GODDARD.

N^o^. 16.

TO THE HON^BLE^. GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^R^.
PRESIDENT AND GOV^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE,
&C^A^. COUNCIL.

HON^BLE^. SIR, & SIRS,

This Accompanys Duplicate of Letter, Invoice, and second bill of Loaden for One Hundred and three Bales, sent your Hon^r^. &c^a^. on the Briggantine Shaveram, who Saild over our Barr the 13^th^. and made the best of her way with a Tolerable good wind the 14^th^: about noon, and hope before this can reach your hands, she will be safe Arrived.

We have a report that Sabbana's People are fled, and that Hage Hussain is Resolved to Pursue them, He having got some very good People for Guides.

I take leave to assure you I am,

INGERAM
16TH. JANUARY. 1730/1.

HONBLE. SIR, & SIRS,
Your most Faithfull, & most
Obedient Humble Servant
JOHN SANDERSON.

[*Letter No.* 17 *is missing*].

No. 18.

TO THE HONBLE. GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQR.
PRESIDT: & GOVR. &CA. COUNCILL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE: SIR & SIRS

In our letter to your Honr: &ca: of the 13th: July last, We desired as the dispute between Mr: Orme and Capt: Dixon is accomodated here, that you would order the money Attached in the Mayors Court by Mr. Orme, belonging to Captain Strahans to be sent Us, both partys having agreed thereto. We desire you will Order it to be sent by the first English Conveyance. We are

HONBLE. SIR & SIRS
Your most Hum: Servants
JNO. DEANE.
MATTW. WASTELL.
RD. BOURCHIER.
JNO. SAINSBY. LLOYD.
CHAS. HAMPTON.

FORT WILLIAM
THE 26TH. DECEMR: 1730.

No. 19.

TO THE HONBLE: GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQR:
PRESIDT: & GOVR. &CA. COUNCILL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE. SR. & SRS.

By a Gentoo Boat that arriv'd here the 12th. Inst: We were honour'd with yours of the 4th. & conformable to the Orders rec'd Mr. Dockwra has taken possession of those Employs which were vacant by the Death of Mr. Tullie, for which he begs leave to return yr: Honr. &ca: his humble thanks; This being what at present offers, We beg leave to subscribe with the greatest Respect.

HONBLE: SR. & SRS.
Your most Obedient & Most humble Servants
CHA: SIMPSON.
RICHD: DOCKWRA.

VIZAGAPATAM
FEBRY. 15TH. 1730/31.

No: 20.

To the Hon^ble^. George Morton Pitt Esq^r^.
President & Gov^r^. of Fort S^t^. George,
&c^a^. Council.

Hon^ble^. Sir, & Sirs,

By this Conveyance, I take leave to informe, you, Your favour of the 1st. Instan[t] by Country Boat Annee Mountee (who Arrived in this River Yesterday) came to hand, Enclosing Invoice, and Bill of Loading, for Stores, sent on her, upon the receipt of which, shall write your Honour &ca. more at Large.

I am glad to be inform'd that the Country Boat, Annee Mountee, & Shaveram Briggantine have deliver'd their Bales, at Fort St. George in Good order, and well Condition'd.

I am with due respect,
Hon^ble^. Sir, & Sirs

Ingeram
20th. Februar^y^: 1730/1.

Your Most Faithfull most Obedient Humble Servant
John Sanderson.

No: 21.

To the Hon^ble George Morton Pitt Esq^r^.
President and Governour
&c^a^. Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Hon^ble Sir & S^rs^.

We have now only to Answer your Hon^r^. &c^a's^. Favour of the 18th. permitting Mr. Symonds to go to Fort St. George, And that he accordingly Sat out the 26th. in the Evening We wish him well with you And are

Hon^ble Sir & S^rs^.

Fort S^t^. David
28 Febry 1730[-31].

Your most Obedient Servants
Edw: Croke.
R. Berriman.
R. Brooke.
Tho: Eyre.

No: 22.

To the Honour^ble^. George Morton Pitt Esq^r^.
President, & Gov^r^. of Fort S^t^. George,
&c^a^. Council.

Hon^ble^. Sir, & Sirs,

I paid my respects to your Hon^r^: &ca. the 20th. Inst. by Passing Peons from Vizagapatam, since when have examin'd the Store, with Invoice, that came upon the Country Boat.

The 23d. I recd the last three Thousand Pagodas, of the Fifteen Thousand Pagodas sent upon Ship, Malbrough, the 29th. June 1729 and beg you will be pleased to remitt, towards the Expence of this Residency, One Thousand Pagodas, in Rupees.

I am, with the utmost Respect

Ingeram
Hon^ble^: Sir & Sirs,

26th. Feb^ry^. 1730/1.

Your most Faithfull, & most Obedient Servant
John Sanderson.

N°. 23

To the Hon^ble: George Morton Pitt Esq^r.,
President & Gov^r: of Fort St. George,
&c^a. Council.

Hon^ble. Sir, & Sirs,

Since my last of 26^th. Ult^o. [notwith]standing y^e. Slowness of the investment at [this] time of the Year, as usual, I have a great [deal] of trouble with one Sagee, a Moor Renter [of] Dachram, &c^a. Villages, who has always [been] Noted for a man that has been very troub[lesome] but never Committed Outrages in the m[anner] he does at Present, which I suppose may proceed from his being Son in Law to [the] Present Nabob, and having a great Number of People, and partly, upon y^e. Nabob being at [Present] at a great Distance, besides he is deaf to [all] Complaints that have been made to him [about the] unreasonable behaviour of the said [Sagee]. [The] reasons of my Present misunderstanding [with] this man, is, as follows.

About June he, and his People has usually had a Present of Fifteen Yards [of] broad Cloth scarlet, besides other odd things now, and then, amounting to a smal sum; in August 1729 the Present was given him for June past, and in January following, I went to Fort S^t. George, and not returning before May he seized one Corge of Ordionary [*sic*] Long Cloth, on acco^t. of his Present.

On my return here he wrote me desiring his Present might be sent him which was Answerd, as soon as it was due he shoud have it, and desired he woud send the Companys Long Cloth, which he had Seized, for the s^d. Present, before it was due; at that time the Country was farr from being well Settled, On Account of Subbana, and Rammerauzes, People Passing too and thro.

In June following I sent to Sag[ee] who was then at Rajamahendrum Fort, desiring he woud send the Cloth with the Dustic, and his Present shoud be deliverd to his order, He then Order'd a Brameney that had the care of Dachram to send the Cloth, and receive the Present, but this was omitted, thô I wrote several times about it, and some time afterward the Rajahs Subbanna & Rammerauze with Eight, or [Ten thou]sand men took the Town of Dachram, [. . .] belonging to the Moors kept the Pagoda, [and (as] I was informd afterward) they had Carry[ed the] Cloth too, and toar up four or six pieces [from it] to discover y^e. Enemy in the Night, and [this was] Divided amongst their Peons, who ha[d paid] the head People for the same.

When Hagee Hussain [came [to] this Country, upon the Hon^ble Compan[y's Vakeel] going to him, with a Present as usual, he [made] his Complaint concerning the Seizure [of the] Cloth, and requested he woud order the [Cloth to] be returnd, and then the Present which [was] usual for the Sagee, shoud be given, but [could] get no other Sattisfaction than y^e. Bramaney whipt, whose fault it was (as the Sagee [said)] the Cloth was not deliver'd, but [they] Promised to get y^e. amount in Cash, and [give] me; all this has Omitted, and has wrote [more] often within this Fortnight for a two Yea[rs] Present, notwithstanding the Vakeel having been with him, informing him, that there was four months to come before the Present for the two Years was due, but if he'd send the Cloth, or the Amount he shoud have a Present for the last Year immediately, and the other in June next as Customary; this has been so farr from given any Sattisfaction, that since he has placed Peons here upon Batta, and said if I did not Comply in Sending the Presents he demanded, in two, or three daies he woud send a Party of Horse, and an Additional Number of Peons.

The little redress I knew I coud have on this Occation, from the Rajah Timmerauze, (Notwithstanding he is very ready to serve the Company, when its in his Power) and Hagee Hussain being at so great a Distance, and as I have said before, his not regarding any Complaints that are made against his Son in Law; I thought it woud be for the Companys Interest to Comply in sending the Presents, as the Sagee having Promised to Pay the Amount of the Long Cloth to the Bearer, as also to give a receipt for the same and a Note that he woud Demand no other Present for Sixteen months,

Before the Vakeel went to him, he Lodged the Present in a House near hand, and on his going to Sagee he slapt him on the face, & Orderd him to be shov'd out, and Placed Tenn Peons Over him, upon Batta, and makes a demand of China Damasks, Rose Water bottles, &c^a^. more then Customary; besides sent a Parcell of Peons to fetch the broad Cloth by force out of the House, the Vakeel had Lodged it in, and takes no notice either of returning the Long Cloth, or Paying the Amount; but As the Vakeel writes me, he will not only keep him there, tell I Condesend, but will send a Parcell of Horse, and Peons, to force me to a Compliance with his Demands.

Every body in General whom this Sagee can reach Complains, of his most barbarous usage, and what is worse, he will not [admit] any one to give advice, Contrary, to his inclinations, and as I cant tell in what manner this will end, therefore thought of Relateing the particulars, in hopes of having your Hon^r^. &c^a^. Orders how to act.

Since I have been so long upon making a Complaint, I take leave of laying another before your Hon^r^. &c^a^. of one Vancatach a Bramaney Renter of this Town &c^a^. Villages, under Rajah Timmerauze, M^r^. Blunt lent this man, sums of money, at Several times which made his buisness goe on perfectly eaise, and so it did, for the two first Years of my time, this man being indebted to M^r^. Blunt, at his Decease, four Hundred Pagodas, how much I have been able to get of that money, undoubtedly your Hon^r^. &c^a^. has been acquainted with, by the Trustees of M^r^. Blunts Estate, the begining of last year this man was turn'd out, and continued so till December, as soon, as he had recoverd his Place, Press'd me, as well as my Merchants for the Loan of money upon my writing [to] Timmerauze I was troubled no more, [but] my Merchant has been oblidged to a Compliance, and the said [Renter] has Seized hold of the Companys ferryman, and Extorted a Note from him for six Pagodas and a [half] and threatens to Seize the Companys Washer's but Timmerauze Promises at all times, to make me as [eaise] as I desire, as farr, as its in his Power, Thô if the Hon~ble~ President, shou'd of his superiour Judgement think well to write to the Rajah Timmerauze to informe him in what manner he Expects the Comp^as^: Servants, and their Dependance here shou'd be treated; It is my humbly Opinion, it will be of great Service; The French having left the Factory at Yanam, for no other reason, then, Account of this Renters troubleing them because of their not Complying in Opening their Cash Chest, at his Pleasure: These two People are the only Persons that gives any trouble in these Parts, otherwise I am in hopes by a fair Prospect of a good Crop of Cotton, to make my Investment larger than it has been hitherto: which is all that Offerrs at Present.

I am

HON^BLE^. SIR, & SIRS,

Your Most Faithfull,

Most Obedient Servant

JOHN SANDERSON.

INGERAM

THE 12^TH^. MARCH 1730/1.

[*Letters* 24 *and* 25 *are missing*].

26.

TO THE HON^BLE^. GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^R^:
PRESID^T^: & GOV^R^: OF FORT S^T^: GEORGE
&C^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. & S^RS^.

We have rec^d^. your favour of the 1^st^: Ins^t^: And Agreeable to your desire have sent You Five hundred bags of Salt Petre on the following Vessells Viz^t^. Two hundred & Fifty Bags on the Hopewell Brigantine and Two hundred & Fifty on the John Briggantine As ℘ Invoices and bills of loading enclosed, We should have sent one of Our Sloops up with it, but they are all fully employ'd in tending out

our Europe Ships the Bridgwater and Duke of York for Great Britain, and the Darby & Dawsonne in Company with two Dutch Ships in Quest of the Ostender who came and Anchor'd near Ballasore and sent her boat on shore for advices.

You will receive enclosed an Invoice of Goods belonging to Contoo, Our late Cossimbuzar Broker, which were on the Neptune Brigantine when she stranded. On your Coast, As we hear all the Goods on her were saved, We desire you will dispose of them for the most they will Fetch, And as Contoo's is still indebted the Freight to the Proprietors of the Vessell (which should have been paid before the Vessell went from hence) You will please to Deduct that out of the Amount of the Sale, And [that you'l send] the remainder down hither on some good Conveyance for the Hon^{ble}: Companys Account.

We are much Concern'd at the ill News from the other side of India, And that Angria has taken One of the Galleys which We fear will greatly embolden those Pirates on that Coast.

The 10th: Ins^{t}: we sent down the dispatches of Ships Bridgwater and Duke of York, but the winds proving Contrary they did not sail till the 20th.

We are greatly surprized the Cadogan was not arrived You the 1st: of this Month, since the Mary and her dispatches were sent down from hence the 26th: Decem^{r}: We fear she must have kept too near the Shore which has prolong'd her passage.

We are

Hon^{BLE}. S^{R}. & S^{RS}.

Your most Hum̃: Servants

Fort William

the 21st: February 1730/1.

Jn^{o}. Deane.
Matt^{w}. Wastell.
R^{d}. Bourchier.
Jn^{o}. Sains^{ry}. Lloyd.
Cha^{s}. Hampton.

N^{o}: 27

To the Hon^{BLE}: George Morton Pitt Esq^{r}.
Prisident and Governour of Fort S^{t}: Geo:
&c^{A}. Council.

Hon^{BLE}. S^{R}. & S^{RS}.

The George arrived in our Road the 25th: of October in the Evening next Morning the Cap^{t}. came ashore, and deliverd Us your Hon^{r}. &ca. favour of the 15th. September giving Us an Account that the Hon^{ble}. Court of Directors have appointed George Morton Pitt Esq^{r}. President, and Gov^{r}. of Fort S^{t}. George, and all the Subordinate Settlements thereunto belonging, to whom We promise our due Obedience begging leave to congratulate him thereon wishing him Health, and Success in our Hon^{ble}. Masters Affairs. We are now to give your Honour &ca. an Account of our Affairs since the Supravisor's departure and

First Concerning Shipping.

2. The Hon^{ble}. Company's Ship Montague imported here the 24th. July, and brought Us twelve chests of Treasure, Medicines, and Stationary Ware as ℘^{r}. Invoice, the Captain gave Us an Account that he had sprung his Main Mast in his Passage, and had been at Batavia before he could proceed on his Voyage hither. We order'd him to get his Ship in readiness to go to the Northward to take in the Pepper there, and accordingly she sailed the 11 . of August for Moco Moco. We sent on her one Chest of Treasure with Wares, and Stores as ℘^{r}. Invoice also five Soldiers to relieve as many sickly or others the Resident thought proper to exchange

as likewise Mr. Charles Savage Monthly Writer to assist the Resident in the room of Mr. Hawkes whose unhappy temper was not agreeable to the Resident for which he has received a severe Reprimand; She arrived there the twelfth, receiv'd on board two hundred and three Bahars, and three hundred, and forty three Pounds of Pepper. They had the misfortune of filling one Boat on the Barr the Pepper was all saved but when dry'd, and sifted, proved a loss of five hundred, and Seventy two Pounds She proceeded to Bental, where she took in ninety eight Bahars of Pepper, and from thence went to Ippue where She lay ten days, and could get no Boats off the Barr being choak'd up with a Bank of Stones. Mr. Savage being there to receive the Pepper not being well acquainted with the manner of that Barr, and some misinformation given him by the Malays he wrote a Letter to the Captain acquainting him that there was no likelihood of the Bar's being navigable again under thirty days time which made the Captain come away, his men being sickly, and a dangerous Road to lay in She return'd again the 11th.of September, and before we had an Account overland from Ippue of the Bar's being open, and navigable again. We judg'd it too late for the Ship to proceed thither, and back again time enough to be dispatch'd for Fort St. George from hence, as We then design'd; not thinking we could depend on Pepper enough to load her; but the George arriving with your Honr. &ca Letter (just as we were making up the Packet) advising Us, that the Cadogan was laying at Demorage for want of Goods to load her, and understanding the large Stock of Shipping that must lay on your hands this Year for want of Goods, has occasioned Us, to alter our Resolution, thinking it better to put on board her what Pepper we can procure by the latter end of January, and send her for England, and hope it will meet with your Honr. &ca's approbation. She sail'd the Second time for Ippue the 6 . November, and arrived there the 12th. Ditto, She took in One hundred, and sixteen Bahars, and five hundred, and six pounds 116 B. : 506 lb. : Pepper the produce of that place, She proceeded from thence to Moco Moco but the Pepper there was only Eight hundreds, three Quarters, and fifteen Pounds, 8 ℔ : 3 qrs. 15 lb. : which she took in, and arrived here the 29th. Nov .

3. We are very glad your Hon . &ca. have order'd a Sloop, and two small Boats to be built for the Use of this Coast! after the Supravisor left Us We were thinking to go on with the Long Boat he put on the Stocks, but found her so rotten, and out of all proportion, that we did not think it adviseable to finish her therefore We took the two old Sloops, and gave them a thorough repair, but on the 7th. of May last the Honble. Company's Sloop Experiment was run away with coming from Sillebar with a Cargo of Arrack, Sugar, Pepper &ca. by John Macalister, and Robert Atkins, the Europeans, who sail'd her, also there went away with them George Weddal, who was intrusted with the care of the Sugar Plantation, there was also on board her five of our Gun room Lascars, who took the Opportunity about nine of the Clock the night following off of Ippue (as they supposed) to rise upon the Europeans, and with the Sloop's Pole knock'd on the Head George Weddal as he was leaning on the Gunwale who fell overboard, and another Lascar attempted the same upon Macalister who was at the Helm, but after having receiv'd a great Blow on the Head, he made a Shift to reel into the Cabin to Atkins who lay asleep there upon which the Lascars immediately rowl'd the Bags of Pepper, and Barrel Staves against the Cabin door, and blockaded them up, in the mean time with some Arms they had taken from the Plantation, they made what Resistance they could by firing three times at the Lascars, but did no other Damage than grazing one of their Hands with a Shot. The next day being the 11th. of May; the Lascars brought her back with Macalister, and Atkins in the manner as they were blockaded in the cabin, and deliver'd our Ensign who was sent on board her a small Bag containing twenty one Dollars two Sucas, and Seventy five cash $21. 2. 75 (which we have paid into the Honble. Company's Cash) and told him it was hanging to the Tiller at the time when they overcame them. We immediately put them in Irons, and made the strictest examination we possibly could, but could not find any Body concern'd in this Piracy but those three Europeans, which occasion'd Us to allow the Lascars one Month's Pay each, as an encouragement on this Occasion, which We hope will

meet with your approval. We now send by this ship John Macalister, and Richard Atkins Prisoners to Fort S^{t}. George in order to receive their Trial, and the four Lascars who are the principal Evidences: with the Depositions, and Examinations of the several Witnesses which are enter'd in our Consultations, and We beg leave to refer your Hon^{r}. &ca. thereto. Sloop Expedition which was lying in the Carang at the time of their running away, was so leaky that She sunk at her Moorings, and was much shaken, and broke before we could get her up: which was a surprise to Us, considering how well She had been newly refitted but when We came to examine her, we found a great many Holes bored thorough her Bottom with a Spike Gimblet, and the Oakham forced out of her Seams, which we suppose must be done by these Pirates to prevent our pursuing them. We have since the Montague's Arrival had her survey'd by Captain Keat, his chief Mate, and Carpenter who have given in their Report that she would require a greater expence to repair her than She is worth, therefore we have order'd her to de disposed of at Outcry, as she can be of no further service to Us and the Experiment Sloop which the Lascars brought back was on the 2^{d}. of September last struck upon the Barr of Sillebar River, and broke to Pieces: the Cargo of Pepper that was [on her] was all saved as also some part of the [Arrack] which we have likewise order'd to be put up at Outcry, which will determine the expence of the Experiment, and Expedition Sloops. We have made an Estimate of the Expences it stands y^{e}. Hon^{ble}. Company in, in keeping of Sloops for their Service, and find it comes out about three Dollars and eighty nine cash Ꝑ^{r}. Ton exclusive of the first cost of the Sloops, as by our Accountant's Report given in Consultation of the 22^{d}. September and think it our Duty, and their Interest to build no more Sloops on their Account. The Deputy Governour having two new Vessels built by Cap^{t}. Keat's Carpenters which he design'd for his private trade, and bringing Pepper from several Places where the Natives have no Tombongons of their own, and he proposes it as a service to the Company, and some benefit to himself, to ship all their Goods at this Place for one Dollar a Ton according to their Tonnage, and from Sillebar to this Place or abord Ship from thence, at one Dollar, and a half Ꝑ^{r}. Ton by which they will be at a certain expence, and it will not cost them half the Money, but with this Proviso that they will entertain a good experienc'd European as Gunner's Mate in our Gunroom, who shall always go in his Boats when their Effects are on board them, and he proposes to take off the Expence of the Gunroom crew, four Lascars into his Service, which we have agreed to, being sensible it is for our Hon^{ble}. Masters advantage, and they will be the same Men at all times upon the coast when there is Occasion for them, and we wait for your Hon^{r}. &ca's approval or further Directions what We are to [do in] this Affair.

4. The George having damaged several Bales of Goods licensed by your Hon^{r}. &ca., and the Captain complaining She is very leaky in her upper Works and had lost part of her Sheathing! We permitted him to go to Sillebar to refit, She went thither the 8th. of Nov^{r}. and returned the 29th. We shall always be observant of the Orders your Hon^{r}. &ca. are pleas'd to give with relation to the Ships which come from You, and not spare them any Stores here; unless we are well assured they are actually wanted.

5. Cap^{t}. Montgomery of the Marlborough complaining of his Cables, the Supravisor, and Council thought it proper to let her have a Europe Cable out of our Godowns which weigh'd forty six hundreds three Quarters, and twenty seven Pounds 46. 3. 27 (cwt qrs lbs) but on condition if She did not make use of it, it should not have been charg'd her, but not being return'd We take the Liberty to Credit our Place for it; two hundred, and forty seven Dollars, two Sucas, and seventy cash \$247. 2. 70 as it stands on our Books.

6. We beg when your Honour &ca. send Us the small Boats You intend Us, You will be pleas'd to send Sails, and Rigging all made, and fitted for them, as also small Anchors, and Grapnels with Haulsers, as we make it a Custom of fetching the Pepper from the Quallos, they are much wanted. The Weather has been so stormy that the George has twice parted her Cable, and prevented our sending on board her or We should have dispatch'd her a great deal sooner.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS FROM EUROPE OR FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

7. The twelve Chests of Treasure by the Montague came out right in weight and by Tale amounted to Dollars forty eight Thousand two hundred, and two, and Seventy five Cash $48202 75 which We have duly brought to Account the Stationary Ware came out right but the chest of Medicines sent Us was very bad, and several things deficient as ℘^{r}. our Doctor's report enter'd after Consultation of the 29th. July which occasion'd Us to request of Cap^{t}. Keat a few of his Medicines which We very much wanted.

8. The Stores, and Salt by this Ship came out pretty well as by our Store-keepers report enter'd after consultation of the 9th. Instant, and the Wares turn'd out right.

9. The Salt your Honour &ca. send Us is not half Sufficient for the consumption of the Inhabitants We are to [serve] wherefore we beg leave You will permit Us to send the next Europe Ship to Fort S^{t}. Geo: to bring Us a sufficient Quantity at once, believing if She arrives here in the usual time, She can do that, and return again soon enough to be loaded for England, but it may be, we may have occasion for a Sloop or some other Vessel to collect in the Pepper together againt the Ship's return; We humbly offer this Proposal, but shall be guided by your Hon^{r}. &ca's better Judgment.

10. We are sorry You have no Pistols to supply Us with, they being very much wanted by our People who go the Surveys, or to receive the Pepper at the Quallos, they being more handy, and lighter carriage than Firelocks, and We not having one pair in the Garrison good for any thing.

11. We request You will be pleas'd to send Us a good Quantity of Mortivan Jarrs, which will be of great service in keeping of Arrack, and prevent the great Leakage, and waste there is in keeping it in casks, but as this Ship is but small we desire but a few by her, but hope if your Hon^{r}. &ca. permit us to send the Europe Ship You will by her send Us a good Quantity.

12. The copper cash your Hon^{r}. &ca. sent Us were very much wanted, and We beg the favour of Another Supply.

13. We having given Certificates for Mony belonging to deceased Persons Estates lodg'd in our Cash Chest makes Us have more Cash than We think We shall have Occasion for, therefore We now send You five Chests, Seventeen Bags of which contain by Tale 17000 Doll^{rs}. poizing 1231 lb. 7 oz. 15 dwt. the other three Bags being License Mony poiz 210: — 5. which at 17 dwt. 6 grs. ℘ Doll^{r}. makes $2998. — 47 cash so that there now remains $28819 2 43 whereof $4985. l. 21 is deposited Mony.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

FOURTHLY CONCERNING THE COUNTRY GOV^{RMT}.

14. We have examin'd the Error Your Hon^{r}. &ca. mention to be in our Invoice sent by the Marlborough, and instead of 139 Muskets You mention We find but 39 in our Invoice Book, charg'd at 117 Dollars, and We believe it proceeds from an error of the Pen, which We shall be more careful of in future, the 18 Carbines were only Barrels, which caus'd the Mistake.

15. According to your Hon^{r}. &ca's Orders in your second Paragraph under this Head, we shall duly observe your Directions relating to our Sugar Plantation, and send you herewith in the Packet an Account of the Expences, and produce since we have had it in our Hands. We are sorry to see it is no better, and beg leave to assure You, it is is not for want of our care, but for want of ripe canes to supply our Sugar Mills, and to keep our Stills imployed, which We endeavour to remedy by planting of Canes, so as to have them ripe one Crop under another, it is impossible to get any great Quantitys planted without a great many more Slaves, and People, The Malays whom the Supravisor contracted with to fence, and clear

the Ground has been of some service, having by that assistance planted Six, and thirty thousand Canes, and are now busy in clearing of more Land, since the running away of George Weddall in the Sloop, We have put in Serjeant Colhune to reside at the Plantation, he being a sober, and careful Man, whose Business is to see the Slaves are kept at work, and to see there is no embezlement made, and according to the Liberty your Honr. &ca have now given Us, We have taken him off our Military List, and charged his Wages to the Plantation Expences, We having no Body here fitter whom we can trust. We have exchang'd our Sugar Boiler for another, who has something mended the Sugar, and has made some Sugar candy which We now send You together with Eighteen Canasters of Sugar as ⅌r. Invoice, We fear the Sugarcandy is not good enough to answer the expence, and trouble being above twice as costly as Sugar, therefore We shall not make any more of it, without your Honour &ca's orders, Mr. Rigg still continues overseer of the Plantations, and We beg leave to assure you, that He, and some of Us are frequently down there inspecting the Works, and to see what progress is made from time to time, and can assure You considering the small number, and the Badness of the People, there is a great deal of Work done Our Cooper having been in the Hospital this long time, and now past all hopes of Recovery makes Us request of your Honr. &ca. if You can, to send Us a cooper having no Body here, that can set up a cask, which obliged Us to request of Capt. Keats Cooper to trim our old Casks, and set Us up some new ones, which We can make a Shift with, till We can get a Supply of Jars.

16. We have disposed of Jibb's Things at Outcry, and credited him for the Stock, and Utensils belonging to the Plantation as ⅌r. the Account Current sent by this Packet, by which he still remains Debtor Dollars Six Thousand Six hundred Eighty six three Sucas 27ca and we believe our Honble. Masters are never likely to get any thing more of him, We keep him still confined to the Fort although he seems very willing to do any thing You shall order, and begs He may be sent to Madrass, or St. Helena, rather than be exposed to the scorn of his Country men. He offers to be employ'd as your Servant in the Plantation, promising faithfuly to be careful in the managing that Business as much as if it was his own, We are very much in want of a capable man who understands that Business, and We know him to be such, but We are almost afraid to venture him there, unless We had your Permission for it, lest he should make his escape, and We be blamed for it, and We wait for your Honr. &ca's further orders what to do with him.

17. We have built a House at Laoy to receive the Pepper in for the Company, and have made a Trial of sending for their Pepper, and hope to find a great Benefit by it hereafter, expecting We shall never want for Pepper if this encouragement is put in Practice, their custom was to sell their Pepper for five Dollars a Bahar, of two hundred Bamboos, and We find it answers the expence of giving them eight Dollars a Bahar of one hundred, and fifty Bamboos, which turns out when garbled, almost as exact as if weigh'd in the Scales, if the Pepper be good, besides the aforesaid encouragement We send them Salt to be exchang'd for Rice, which we take care to distribute in small Quantitys to those who have Pepper Plantations, which will prevent their coming up hither, and leaving their Plantations, We find some of the leading men who got this exorbitant Proffit on the Pepper as abovemention'd, have under hand been endeavouring to frustrate our good Intentions, in doing the same at Polley, Saloomah &ca., but the satisfaction We have given the People of Laoy, makes Us not doubt but the People of the other Quallos, when they see how beneficial it is to them, will request the same of Us, and we shall be sure to encourage them, believing it much for the Company's Benefit as well as their's.

18. We are very thankful for the Liberty you allow of sending Bugueses, and Arabs to go the Surveys, We have been very hard put to it to find Europeans to do it, having almost kill'd Serjeant Perrey, and much impair'd the constitution of others who went on that Service, We now send in the Packet the Several Surveys in the Method your Honr. &ca. have directed, and shall continue for our own Speculation taking the Account as formerly. We use our utmost endeavours to spur up our Pangarans, and governing Men to their Duty, and that very often,

perswading them to exert their Authority over their People, making them sensible how much it is for their real Interest to discountenance, Gaming, and cockfighting, & how advantageous the increa[se] of Pepper is to them, putting them in mind of the additional Gratuity promised them when they come to perform their contract, and hope our Labour is not lost upon them, there being a very great increase of Pepper, we make it our chief Study to put in Practice the Directions sent Us in a Letter from Moco Moco by our Supravisor, which we are very sensible are full of friendly care for our Welfare, and much for the Interest of our Hon^{ble}. Masters, and shall accordingly make frequent Surveys as We have now Liberty of doing it with Bugueses, and Arabs.

19. We have not been able to take the Survey of Manna by reason of the Death of Pangaran Megong Boomy, and his Son Radin Pacoon who was to have succeeded him, so soon as we hear'd of their Deaths, We sent Bugueses to secure the Pepper, but the Country was so much involv'd in troubles among themselves, that We thought it proper to send Dattoo Ammass, to Bechar with them, and decide their differences, which has had so good an Effect, that he writes Us word the Country is in Peace, and the Pepper Plantations in good Order, and that he has already got at the Quallo about thirty Bahars of Pepper, and expects more; he designs to come back, and bring the Proateens, and Head Men with him, in order to chuse a Pangaran in the Room of Megong Boomy deceas'd, Pepper grows exceeding well in that Country, but for want of our immediate Assistance to protect the Governing Men, We fear that Place will never turn to any great Account, unless we had a Residency there, which would be very convenient as being on the Frontiers of our South^{wd}. Bounds.

20. Last January died Pangaran Neore, but as that Title of Pangaran was [u]surped by him in the absence of the English, We have only admitted his Son to be called Raja Calippa, which was the Title belong'd to his Father. We promised him if he would exert himself in planting Pepper, We would recomend him to y^{e}. Hon^{ble}. Company, and your Hon^{r}. &ca. to be made Pangaran of Neore as in consultation of the 20th. February, but are sorry to find he does not deserve it.

21. About last April came down an Imposter from Pallambang pretending to be Padre Penjamma come to life again, whom M^{r}. Cooke beheaded in his time, whom a great many ignorant People in the Country believed to be him: so soon as We heard of it, We sent some Bugueses, and turn'd him out of our Bounds! but Siddy Brian lighting of him as he was going over t'other side the Hills, he not returning him the Compliments in the manner he expected as a great Man, and the Son of a Prophet, he likewise told him to make his Prayers to him for that He was god, and could die and return to life again when he pleas'd'! upon which Blasphemous Expression, Siddy Brian was so incensed that he order'd his Head to be cut off, which We believe has prevented some Disturbance he might have made, notwithstanding We are at Peace with Siddy Brian, and the Eight Dusans We are obliged to keep a watchful Eye over them being a Nest of Thieves, and Villains, and He has of late been on the other side of the Hills to a Country called Billy Booky under a pretence of doing Justice (as he calls it) among them by setling the People's Debts, and Quarrels, but it is our Opinion it was to plunder and get mony out of them, he having brought from thence some Mony, Slaves, and Debtors, and We daily expect they will come to complain to Us about it, and desire our Assistance, but We shall be cautious what We do, lest We should Involve the Hon^{ble}. Company's Affairs which are now in Peace.

22. We observe the Orders concerning the planting of Coffee, and with a great deal of Perswasion, have agreed with Dupatty Abdelmomen at Bencoolen to make a Plantation, We are to allow him for the Coffee thirty Dollars Ꝑ^{r}. Bahar of five hundred, and sixty Pounds, and to allow the Pangarans one Dollar Ꝑ^{r}. Bahar gratuity if it meets with your approval! he talks of Planting twenty thousand Trees, which we shall be glad to see! but if he finds a suitable Proffit, We beleive it's not unlikely but he may, being capable enough to do it, having a great Stock of Buffaloes belonging to him, besides Slaves, and Debtors in abundance, We cannot give an Estimate of the Expences, nor the Particulars relating to the planting of

Coffee, untill somebody has made a Trial, Our Padres have several Trees growing in their Gardens, They tell Us the best way of improving it, is, to let the Berrys drop off the Trees, and lay upon the Ground, under the Trees which will shoot up into a Plant of five or six Inches high in about two Months, and then it's proper to take them up, and replanted about two feet distance asunder, where they may stand a twelve month, when they will be about two or three feet high, after that they are to be planted about eight feet asunder, for a full do, and will begin bearing in six Month's Afterwards, and in three Years come to Perfection, but what Quantity a Tree will bear We cannot be certain, but they judge about Seven or eight Pounds a Year, and at all Seasons affords Blossoms, green Berrys, and ripe Berrys, which have when ripe a red Skin, and sweetish Pulp over them, under which is a thick, tough Husk, which incloses the two half Berrys of Coffee, which must be dry'd, and beat to cleanse it, We shall endeavour to get others to plant, and should be very willing to do it on our own Accounts, was not our Lives so uncertain, and our Stay here so precarious, but had We a few more labouring Slaves to clear the Ground, it would be worth the Company's while to have a Coffee Plantation, and it would employ the old decrepid Slaves and children in gathering, and drying Berrys, and cleaning the Plantation, but at present our Slaves are so few that they are hardly capable of doing our common Business.

23. Sultan Seree Gondom Shaw continues as hearty in the Company's Interest as ever, and has as your Hon^{r}. &ca. will perceive by the Surveys, very much increased his Pepper Plantations in his Kingdom, and We have had cut of his Country this Year 421 (Bah.): 290 (lb.): four Hundred twenty one Bahars, 290 P^{ds}. which is now on board the Montague.

Fifthly as to Buildings, Fortifications, Repairs, and Revenues.

24. We have since the Supravisor's Departure compleated the Row of Buildings along the N : E^{t}: Curtain, excepting one Lay of Terrass Bricks, with a coat of Chunam, which is wanting over all, not having any Corrycoys, which We much wanted to strengthen our Chunam, having no good Jaggery, being obliged to use our Plantation Molossus instead thereof, which is not alltogether so good as Jaggery, therefore We request you will send Us ten Candys of good Vizagapatam or Ganjam Jaggery ; notwithstanding the Want of these Ingredients our Terrassing keeps out the Rain pretty well, and We now make use of this Row of Buildings, which consists of two Cookrooms, a handsome Armoury and a very good case of Arms, on the East side of the back Gate, and the other side contains a large Gun Room, with a Lodging in it for a Gunner's Mate, with a small Brick'd Magazine for security for a Barrel or two of Powder, with the Shels and Cartridges to be kept at Hand, and prevent so often opening of the great Magazine, Adjoining to this is a Godown Sufficient to hold all the Garrison Stores, it's floor'd, and Lined with Boards [for] the securing of them, from Rust, and Damage. We have sunk under the flooring sixteen Mortivan Jarrs, which is all we could spare for that Purpose, and have made Scutles to come at them when We please, and they will hold about Seven Leaguers of Arrack which We keep as a reserve in case of any Accident; over the Gateway, We have built a Warehouse, and lined it with Boards for the better preserving of the Goods, and in a little time more, will be dry enough to lodge the Wares in The Barracks, and Guard Room along the South East Curtain, We have been obliged to new terrass, by reason it was not rightly done for want of Persons who understood it, but We are not able to compleat the last Row of Terrass Bricks for the reason aforementioned, notwithstanding what is wanting of being compleated Our Terrassing proves pretty tight, and good the chunam being made of Shels, which We bring from the Island, We have also at the end of the Barrack Verander run up a small Cockhouse of Brick, and terrassed it, which We very much wanted for the Security of Criminals, and made a pair of Navel Stairs out of the Court of Guard into the Captain's Lodgings with a nich underneath for the Water Jarr [to] stand in for the Soldiers, and order'd [the] commanding Officer on Duty to see it [kept] clean, and wholesome, and fresh fill[ed] every day.

25. We have made out of the Bricks of the old cook Room that stood without the Fort, and was in danger of falling; a commodious Smith Shop, and cover'd it with Tiles which We very much wanted, being obliged for want of one to employ the Chinese which We found very expensive, We have placed it at the foot of the Hill between the Fort, and the Waterside Business We can assure You it is a good, and cheap Building, and hope for your Honour &ca's approval.

26. We have also for the Preservation of our Slaves, and Shipping People built a Platform in the Carang in the form of a Bridge, of Sixty feet in length over the Water for loading, and unloading our Boats, which has cost the Company between forty, and fifty Dollars, and have the Pleasure to observe by our Doctor's Hospital List, that there is not above six, or Seven Slaves in the Hospital at this time: whereas there generally used to be between twenty, and thirty, We find it vastly advantageous, that Work being now done with great Expedition, and little trouble, and the biggest Boat We have, can lay along side it, and take in her loading, but as We find it answers so well, we are intending to make a crane at the End of [it] which will cost about as much more, which added together is not the Price of one good Slave, although in time it may be the preservation of a great many, and We perswade our Selves We shall have your Hon^{r}. &ca's approbation thereof. We have also done another Affair of this Kind whi[ch] is an additional Strength to the Fort, and the Preservation of our Healths! by making a Causeway, cross the Swamp opposite to the East Bastion, which surrounds greatest part of the Fort, by stoping the Water, and has made it a deep Moat in lieu of a nasty Swamp which We are going to stock with Fish for the good of our Garrison, and believe they will thrive very well, there being Springs on a higher Ground which keeps it constantly overflowing with a small Stream of Water; We agree'd with Dupatty Abdelmomen at Bencoelen to do it for one hundred Dollars who has had a very hard Bargain of it, it being as much work as we believe would have cost us four or five hundred Dollars, had we done it our Selves.

27. The Walls of our Fort were so very low that our Soldiers, when Sentinels have got over them to fetch in Arrack, and return'd again to their Posts unobserved, especially over our North Bastion and the Paggar of the West Point of our Fort, and although they have been severely punish'd for it, the easy access, has tempted them to it, for which reasons We have employ'd our Slaves as it suited best with our conveniencys, to dig an Intrenchment round our Fort, in some Places as deep as the Foundation of our Walls would permit with safety and of fifteen feet Width which has made our Fort Walls of a Tolerable Heigth, and We intend as your Hon^{r}. &ea. have permitted Us to make the West Point secure, and defensible, to clear away the Paggar, and continue this Intrenchment from the two Points of the North West, and South West Curtains, and on the old Wall between, which now makes a kind of half Bastion. We shall raise a small Parapet thereon, which will cost less than repairing the old Paggar, which is almost rotten, and although it will not answer to the Line of Defence, still may be security enough to prevent our Soldiers from getting over, and against any force the Malays are capable of bringing against Us, and will give a much better prospect to that part of our Fort.

28. Our Old Timber Shed which the Supravisor knows was in a very bad Condition, when he left Us, is since fallen down, and We having a good Quantity of season'd Timbers, and Plank remaining, and no place to put them in, We thought it adviseable to build another of a smaller Dimension out of the old Materials, and has been of very little more Expence than the Coely hire, Attops, and Bamboos, Your Honour &ca. will perceive by our Accounts that We have been diligent, and frugal in the doing of all this Business with so few Slaves and what We have done is Substantial, and as it ought to be, being done by the Direction of our Deputy Governour. We have likewise begun to employ one Joseph Coles (whom the Hon^{ble}. Company sent Us out on the Montague) in making of Tiles, and by all appearance he can do it very well, having been brought up some time in England to that Business! what few He has made are seemingly very good, but not yet dry enough to burn; We hope it will be of Benefit by tiling our out Buildings, and several of the Inhabitants will be glad to buy them, to cover their Houses on Account of the frequent Fires that happen.

29. When our Shipping Business is a little over, and our Slaves at Liberty We shall make an end of our Terrasses &ca. in hand, and begin upon the Foundation of the Lodgings for the Company's Servants, and the Hospital according to your Hon^{r}. &ca's Orders. The Timber Buildings are a continual expence in Repairs, and We were obliged to new cover the China Buildings on the S. E^{t}. Curtain, the old Warehouse being in the roof of it, which will preserve them a little longer, the Deputy Gov^{rs}. House is not in a much better condition being rotten in the Foundation, and wants securing.

30. We have lately found a failing in the Roof of our Pepper Godowns, the Floor of the Lodgings over them being sunk above three Inches, and the two Ends of the Roof which are Perpendicular, and exposed to the Weather quite Rotten, which We must repair now the Godowns are empty, being necessary to be done before We can safely trust the Pepper therein, and will prevent a greater Expence if neglected longer.

31. The Supravisor when at Moco Moco gave Orders to the Resident to repair the Paggar belonging to that Factory, and raise the Points, and directed it to be done when our Coffrees came there to garble the Pepper, which is now about, Upon the closing of his Books, he desired Liberty to write off several Things which were useless, and worn out, also the West Buildings, there being nothing remaining of them standing, We permitted him to write off those things which were lost, and worth nothing, and what would sell to be sold at Outcry which amounted to but a small Value, but the West Buildings standing on the Hon^{ble}. Company's Books, upwards of four Thousand Dollars, We could not permit him to write that off without first Liberty from Your Honour &ca. or Orders from England.

32. The Arrack, and Opium Licenses for this Place, and Moco Moco were put up as customary at Outcry for this Year, and M^{r}. James Jeddere being the best Bidder had the License of this Place for two hundred, and thirty five Dollars ℔^{r}. Mensem and that of Moco Moco for fifty five. We are apprehensive they will not let so well another Year, the Farmer declaring he is likely to lose by it, there being not so many Bugueses in the Company's Service as formerly, which occasions the consumption of less Opium.

33. We agree'd with the Noquedahs of the Java Prows to give them twenty five Dollars ℔^{r}. Coyan for Salt, according to our Supravisor's Directions ! but it was so dear at Java, that they could not afford to bring it, and We have been obliged for want of Salt, to buy our Rice, and Paddy for the use of our Slaves, and Plantation. That License can not be let for want of a Sufficient Quantity of Salt, and must continue as our Supravisor left it when he went away, We have discharg'd the Rent, and paid for the Salt Godown, One hundred, and ninety two Dollars according to your Hon^{r}. &ca's Orders.

Sixthly touching Factors, Writers, Officers, and their Accounts.

34. Pursuant to the Liberty granted Us We herewith send Your Hon^{r}. &ca. Certificates for the amount of Dollars Six thousand eight hundred Sixty seven three Sucas 51^{ca}. being the deposited Estates of Deceased Persons that are made up, and have transfer'd the Account of those Estates to Account Current Fort S^{t}. George, We have likewise given our Certificate for Dollars fifty eight two Sucos, and fifty cash to M^{r}. Morse's Attorney for Account of the Estate of Julius Gollop deceased as also our Certificate for Dollars seven hundred pz^{s}. [*lacuna*] to the Trustee of Captain Willim Maskelyne deceased, which We have likewise transfer'd to Account Current Fort S^{t}. George, and beg You will please to discharge the same when demanded.

35. M^{r}. Lennox Trustee to the Estate of David Carnegie Esq^{r}. deceas'd has made a farther dividend of one Eigth of that Estate, and when the other eigth is compleated We shall take care to demand the Legacy left the Hon^{ble}. Company by M^{r}. Carnegie.

36. We return your Honour &ca. Thanks for sending Us Edward Louis, Serjeant, and Seventeen Topasses, who all arrived in good Health, and We shall observe their contract of allowing them their [dis]charge at the expiration of three

Years [if] they desire it. We have given Fort S[t]. George Credit for One hundred, and thirteen Pagodas Seventeen Fanams Pag[s]. 113 17 advanced them, and have paid Captain Pye Dol[rs]. two hundred and twenty three, two Sucos, and fifty cash $223, 2, 50. Diet Money, We have also receiv'd the Slave, and credited your Presidency thirty Pagodas Pag[s]. 30, accordingly.

37. Se Allee, and the fourteen Arabs all arrived in good Health, and is a noble recruit to Us being but weakly man'd before, He says he was promis'd at Madrass that his Pay should be eight Dollars ℔[r]. Mensem which We cannot permit without your Hon[r]. &ca. Orders, and promis'd him if it was so, he should have his Arrears.

38. The Hon[ble]. Company have sent Us M[r]. Thomas Yeates Factor, who is at present employ'd under our Secretary, and We hope will make our Hon[ble]. Masters a good Servant.

39. Thomas Joye, and Michael Swarez the two Monthly Writers Your Hon[r]. &ca. sent Us, We hope will be of good Service The former We have sent to Moco Moco to M[r]. Greenslate, whom We have directed to stop forty one Pagodas, thirty one Fanams, and sixty five Cash Pag[s]. 41. 31. 65. out of his growing Pay, and to instruct him in Business, believing he is more likely to have his Health there, than any European, M[r]. Charles Savage monthly Writer who went Assistant to the Resident being frequently indisposed since his going the Survey of Munko Rajahs Country We were obliged to send him not having any Companys Servant, We could spare so fit for that Employment; He writing a very good hand and gain'd a great deal of the Malay Tongue, We have appointed Michael Swarez to assist our Secretary, and shall see him strictly employ'd, and hope he will prove a good Assistant in time.

40. M[r]. Edward Amyand returns your Hon[r]. &ca. Thanks for continuing him in the Gunner's Employ, and promises to discharge his Trust with Diligence, and Fidelity, and chuses to stay here rather than go to Bengal to serve out his contracted time in the Military, He has been very serviceable in going a Survey to the Southward, and also in receiving the Pepper, at Laoy Quallo, We should not send our Gunner on such Business were we not in want of Persons whom We can trust to receive, and pay for the Pepper, and see the Natives have Justice done them.

41. Since Dattoo Twassie has been Captain of the Bugueses, they have been very obedient, and Serjeant Curlieu laid down his Arms, and made his Submission to the Deputy Governour, The Head Bugueses Pangarans &ca. being Security for his good behaviour, We gave him his Pardon, and he has since been at Manna, and married Pangaran Megong Boomy's Daughter, and likewise the late Sultan Blehheim's Widow. He has been of Service to Us in taking care of the Pepper, and Company's Affairs at Manna but We have not allowed him to be taken in to the Service again, notwithstanding the Buguese Officers are very solicitous with Us to entertain him. There being a great many Bugueses formerly dismiss'd the Service, and now out of Employment makes them very pressing to get more into Pay, and We are obliged to put them off with excuses, and telling them We will write about it.

42. M[r]. Lennox returns your Hon . &ca. Thanks for the Liberty You are pleased to give him of staying at Marlborough.

43. M[r]. Joseph Goddard returns your Hon[r]. &ca. many thanks, and embraces the Liberty You are pleas'd to grant him of going to Fort S[t]. George for his Health, and now takes his Passage on the George. M[r]. Perrey pursuant to your Honour &ca. Orders has taken the Secretary's Imploy in M[r]. Goddard's absence and returns your Hon[r]. &ca. his Hearty thanks for the prefering him to that Station, and promises to be very faithful, and Diligent in his Business, and We hope He will make Us a good Secretary. He is very assisting as Linguist, and has been very diligent, in the Accountant, and Paymaster's Business which was appointed him.

44. Cap[t]. Keat has been very assisting to Us on all Occasions, and We are beholden to him for his help in Building our Bridge, and doing our Waterside Business, he having taken the trouble to direct that Business himself or We could

not have made such Performances, He has spar'd Us one of his best men to be Gunner's Mate who is not only to act in the Gunroom but also to take care of the Boats when the Company's Effects are on Board them, He has also spared Us his Armourer, who is a good Workman, and has been Master of his Business in England, and is to learn our Slaves how to clean, and mend our Arms, He will not contract with Us for any time, but stays at fifteen Dollars ℔r. Mensem.

45. Mr. Gee not having his Health in the South East Monsoons, and being of a Weak Constitution desires Liberty he may return on this Ship to Fort St. George having served near the Customary time of three Years in this subordinate Settlement, Which We have consented to, and hope We have not done amiss therein. He requested an Allowance for his Expences on the Voyage, But having no President of this kind for our Guidance, We agree'd to refer it to your Honour &ca's Determination.

Seventhly touching Accounts.

46. Agreeable to the two Paragraphs sent Us of the Honble. Company's Letters to your Honour &ca. directing to send all the Original Papers relating to Messrs. Morris and Shelly, We have found some of them, and shall make a strict search for the rest, and send them to England by the Montague, and send You a List thereof by the next conveyance.

47. Mr. Newcome returns your Honr. &ca. thanks for the answer to the Bill of Chancery, which he will send by the Montague, and We return You the Draft in ye Packet.

48. The three Lascars We now send as Evidences by this Ship, have receiv'd of Us two Months pay advance to provide them necessarys for the Voyage.

49. We do all that lies in our Power to be as saving in our Expences as possible, Our Charges Extraordinary are but low, and Account Repairs but small in comparison of what is done, We employing none but Slaves in our Honble. Masters Business excepting it be in Works which they do not understand neither have We put the Company to any great Expence in Presents giving none but what We esteem well laid out, and We hope what We have allow'd to those Persons who have gone the Surveys will not be thought too much for their Expences it being a very fatiguing, and dangerous Undertaking.

50. We send our General Books Letter H commencing May the 1st. 1729, and ending Ulto. April 1730, also a pair of Books of Moco Moco Settlement Letter A commencing Primo May 1729, and ending Ulto. April 1730, and shall continue (if possible) keeping a Set of Books for that Settlement apart.

51. All other Books, Papers, and Accounts necessary, We now send You as ℔r. List of the Packet, to which We beg leave to refer You.

52. We wish this Ship safe to You and are with all Respect

Fort Marlborough
2D. Janauary 1730/1.

Honble. Sr. & Srs.
Your most obedient humble Servts.

Stepn. Newcome.
Robt. Lennox.
Charles Gee.
Jno. Savage.
Will. Rigg.

SUPPLEMENT.

We should have dispatch'd this Ship a Month sooner had not the Inclemency of the Weather prevented by our Boats being several times blown away to Leeward, and the George having parted, and Stranded all her Cables, We were obliged to give her a Cable, We had left in our Stores poizing ⅌ 46 : qrs. 3 : lb. 27 : which stand in our Books charged, two hundred forty seven Dollars two Sucos, and Seventy Cash $247 2 70 and We must beg your Honour &ca. will send Us another supply of Cables as ⅌r. Storekeeper's Indent, not having one left to save a Ship in case of Necessity.

We beg that the Gunny Bags indented for may not be so large as formerly sent Us nor the Gunnys so slack a considerable Quantity of Pepper drops thorough, and they often burst with the Weight. Bags which contain about five Markalls are fittest for our Use.

We have order'd the Ship to touch at Moco Moco, and have sent by her for the Use of that Settlement one Chest of Treasure with six Coyans of Salt &ca.

We have almost compleated loading the Montague, and have Pepper here, and at Sillebar more than sufficient to load Her and so soon as the Weather will permit Us to ship it on Board, We are determin'd to dispatch her for England, and hope it may be all performed in ten days time. There is more dry Pepper remaining on the Coast which We shall endeavour to collect together so soon as the Ships are gone.

Upon the Closeing this Packet Mr. Goddard Secretary brought us the Copys of our Consultations in such a Shameful Condition as we are now Oblig'd to send them not having time to have them fair Copied over As Mr. Gee can inform Your Honour &ca. We shall take care to see they go fair Copied & Correct to England.

STEPN. NEWCOME.
ROBT. LENNOX.
CHARLES GEE.
JNO. SAVAGE.
WILLM. RIGG.

28.

TO THE HONBLE. GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OF FORT
ST. GEORGE &C., &C. COUNCIL.

HONBLE. SIR & SIRS

Agreeable to the orders I received from the Deputy [Govr.] &c. Council of Fort Marlbrô, I send herewith, [copy] of the Moco Moco Books Letter A for the Year [. . .] Journal Parcels from ⅌ mo. May 1730 to Ulto. [. . .] The Country hereabouts is in peace, and the people [. .] are heartily at work in encreasing the Pepper P[lants] last Years encrease amounts to upwards of one H[undred] Bahars, and I am in great hopes it will be consi[derably] more this Year. The Sultan and several of the head[men] are going to Marlborough to pay the Deputy [Govr.] a Visit, and I am in hopes will return so well [pleased] as will, (if possible) make him exert himself mo[re for the] benefit of the Honourable Company.

MOCO MOCO RESIDENCY
JANUARY YE. 17TH. 1730/1.

I am with great Respect
HONBLE. SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedt. Humble Ser[vant]

SAM: GREENSLATE.

29.

To the Hon^{ble}. James Macrae Esq^{r}.
President &^{ca}. Council at
Fort S^{t}. George.

Hon^{d}. Sir & Sirs

Wee have received Your Letters together with the Goods You sent us last Year & hope if You have Plenty You [will] furnish Us with the usual supply in Arrack & Sugar, Rice & [Paddy] Wee wrote last to You by the Cadogan but She is not yet returned Wee are

S^{t}. Helena
13^{o}. April 1730.

Hon^{d}. Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Serv^{ts}.

E. B[. . .]
Jn^{o}. Alexan[der].
Jn^{o}. Goodwi[n]
A. Crispe.

Time of Arrival & Departure of Shiping at & from S^{t}. Helena between the 3^{d}. of March 1728 & the 1^{o}. of Aprill 1730.

Arrival.			Departure.
1728			
March	3^{d}	Cadogan	17^{o} March 1728.
ditto	13	Caesar	30 ditto 1729.
ditto	23	Macclesfield	30 ditto 1729.
1729			
April	24	Ockham	15 May.
May	10	George	15 May.
		Hertford	15 May.
ditto	12	Harrison	15 May.
ditto	21	Frances	15 June.
ditto	29	Sunderland	15 June.
ditto	30	Stretham	15 June.
ditto	31	Walpole	15 June.
		James & Mary	15 June.
June	9	Aislabie	15 June.
Nov^{r}.	20	Prince Frederick	11 December.
Dec^{r}.	17	Morice	14 February
Febry	8	Heathcote	14 February
1730			
April	1	Mountague from Engand.	

S^{t}. Helena
13th. Aprill 1730.

A. Crispe.

N°. 30

To the Hon^ble George Morton Pitt Esq^r.
President & Governour
&c^a. Council of Fort S^t. George.

Hon^ble Sir & Sirs

We have Your Hon^r. &c[^a.] Favour of the 6^th. with the Stores Consign'd ℘ Rama agreeable to Invoice except in the particulars of our Storekeeper's Report which comes Submitted to your Directions.

Your Orders in prohibition of Our Ostend Commerce or Correspondence at Tranquabhar are publish'd in the us[ual]Languages on four the most publick pla[ces] in Our Bounds. We are

Fort S^t. David
Aprill the 12^th. 1731.

Hon^ble Sir & S^rs.
Your Most Obed^t. Servants

Edw : Croke.
R. Berriman.
R. Brooke.
Holland Goddard.
Edw^d. Harris.

N°. 31

To the Hon^ble. George Morton Pitt Esq^r :
Presid^t. & Gov^r. &c^a. Council of Fort S^t.
George.

Hon^ble. S^r. & S^rs.

From Cassimcoat We have [had] advices of Subbannah's Death (to which We can not give over much Credit) & We [were] in hopes it would have put an end [to the] troubles in the Country ; but We hear [it for] certain, that Hadge Hussein designs [to come] into these parts shortly, having, [as it is] [reported] an old Demand on An[andrauz] & Naran[du] for money taken from [him] in former times, which has made the [rich] People already leave their habitation [until] they see which way he marches, & [what] design he is upon. Should he come [to pay] his Devotions at our Mosque (as[tis] much to be fear'd he will) it will [create] us a great deal of trouble, for his character in these parts is so very bad, [that] his greatest friends cannot rely upon [what] he says ; On which Acco^t. We shall take all the care possible that he puts none of his ill designs in practice upon us.

Herewith encl[os'd] we send our Cash & Paymasters Acco^ts. with our Diary's & Consultations for the last three months. The State of our Cash at present is at a very low Ebb, & our Garrison is now on the fourth month in Arrears, which makes us to humbly request your Hon^r. &c^a. will send a Supply [with] which will enable us to carry on the Investment, if Troubles in the Country [do] not prevent.

We are with the greatest respect

[Viza]gapatam
April 3^d. 1731.

Hon^bls. S^r. S^rs.
Your most Obedient humble Servants

Cha : Simpson.
Rich^d. Dockwra.

[32]

To the Honble George Morton Pitt Esqr.
President, and Governour of Fort St. George
&ca. Council.

Honble. Sr, & Sir's,

The 19th. Ultimo I paid my Duty to your Honour &ca., advising how I had made an end of the trouble the Sagee gave.

Cotton now begins to grow cheaper [and] if We have no rain this month, it will be of vast advantage towards having a large Crop.

Cloth begins to come in as your Hon[our] &ca. may perceive by the Acct. at the foot hereof, and the Merchants call plentifully for money, which gives me hopes of Enlarging my Investment Considerably, Though there is a report the Dutch are going to settle at Corango, a place about three miles to the Northward of our Barr.

It has been talked for some time, that Subbana is dead, but I dont hear any thing for certain, nor is Hage Hussain upon his return but is gone a great way over the Hills, and through the Woods.

I hope your Honr. &ca. will please of Causeing me to have a supply of Cash, so as not to lay still for it, in the Investment, and that you will please of Ordering one Thousand Pagodas, to be remitted in Rupees for the Disburstments of the Charges of this Residency.

I am with due Respects
Honble Sir, & Sirs,
Your most Faithfull, & Most
Obedient, humble Servant
John Sanderson.

Ingeram
[7th.] Aprill 1731.

Longcloth Ordinary
at the Washers 447 Pces.

No. 33

To the Honble George Morton Pitt Esqr.
President and Governour
&ca. Council of Fort Sr. George.

Honble Sir & Srs.

Recd. [lacuna] April. Your Favour of the 18th. Informing of the Ostenders and to inclose one to Capt. Saunders of the Cadogan reach'd us yesterday, And was directly obey'd in the forwarding that Letter by Peons down the Coast; As the Winds have been Southerly ever since he left us we believe it will find him, And are

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedient Servants
Edw: Croke.
R. Berriman.
R. Brooke.
Tho: Eyre.
Holland Goddard.
Edwd. Harris

Fort St. David
21st. April 1731.

[Letter No. 34 is missing].

N°. 35

To the Hon^ble^. George Morton Pitt Esq^a^.
President & Governour
&c^a^. Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Hon^ble^ Sir & S^rs^.

Our last was of the 21^st^. Ult°., and

This comes to convey our Acco^t^. Cash for the month March with an open Draught of that for last month, which so soon as pass'd shall be punctually Sign'd and Transmitted; Those for the two preceeding months were some time ago sent to our Deputy Governour who we understand has Sign'd and presented them on Sheets. recd. [*lacuna*]

Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. may observe we shall soon want a Supply, And desire it may come by the first proper Opportunity. We are

Fort S^t^. David
4°. May 1731.

Hon^ble^ Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedient Servants

Edw: Croke.
R. Berriman.
R. Brooke.
Tho: Eyre.
Holland Goddard.
Edw^d^. Harris.

N°. 36

To the Hon^ble^. George Morton Pitt Esq^r^.
President & Gov^r^. of Fort S^t^. George &c^a^. Council.

Hon^ble^. S^r^. & S^rs^.

Your Favour of y^e^. 18^th^. of April, with inclosed Copy of M^r^. Spits Letter to your Hon^r^. reached me the 29^th^., according to the Advices therein, your Hon^r^. &c^a^. seem to be of Opinion that I should immediately quit this Coast an[d put out to] Sea, I could wish at the same time, you had been pleased to have mentioned any Port that I might put for, to supply myself with Water, & other necessarys, & also to lay at, in safety, till a Proper Season for going about the Cape of Good Hope Offers, the S°.erly monsoon being now so far sett in, & the Current setting so Strong to the N°.ard, makes it Doubtful whether I should be able to reach Acheen Head were I now to Leave this Coast, of that Opinion are Cap^t^. Pearce of y^e^. Dolphin Brigantine & M^r^. Goodwin of y^e^. Robert who are now in Company w^th^. our Ship and although both of them are bound to Acheen, are fearful of putting to Sea till they Turn along Shore as high as Negapatam. I have therefore w^th^. y^e^. Advice of my Principal Officers determined to Work up to Negapatam for these Reasons, first that if any Enemy should come on the Coast, by being so far to Windward, & under y^e^. Protection of the Dutch Fort & Shipping I might Judge my self pretty secure, & in the next Place [during] my stay there might receive certain Advices from your Hon^r^. &c^a^. of the State of Affairs in Europe & on y^e^. Coast, & also by your Recommending me to the Dutch Gov . be supplyed w^th^. what stores we may Want, w^ch^. will be severall, having by turning to Windward upwards of 5 Weeks not a little damaged our Cable & other Tackle.

Two Days agone a Large Ship Anchored in [. . .] Tranquebar Road, hoisting Dutch Colours. Cap^t^. Hanson has wrote me she came from Negapatam but doth not know for what Purpose.

On my Arrival at that Port shall Acquaint your Hon^r. &c^a. w^th. my further Proceedings and am w^th. the Greatest Respect.

Hon^ble. S^r. & S^rs.

Y^r. most Obed^t. Serv^t.

James Sanders.

Ship Cadogan off
Sowrepatam May 1^st. 1731.

N^o. 37

To the Honble George Moreton Pitt Esq^r.
President & Governour of Fort S^t. George
&c^a. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

rec^d. [*lucuna*] Under the 7^th. of February last, We paid your Honour &c^a. our Acknowledgments: advising the arri[val] of the Detachment you were so kind to send us ℘ Elizabeth.

This comes ℘ Ship Margaret-Ann on whom we send Twenty Eight Men agreeable to the List enclos'd, who are all paid to the 15^th. [Instant] our Garrison being at present quite free from sickness. The [Topasses] are all married Men, & were uneasy to be with their Families : The [few] that remain with us, we shall endeavour to return After the Ra[ins] during which, we are not without hope of being able to list in [their] stead what people we may stand in need of.

We are with perfect Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Hon^r's. &c^a's. Most Obed^t. Serv^ts.

Jn^o. Braddyll.
W^m. Forbes.
F. Howard.

Tellecherry
April 14^th. 1731.

N^o. 38

To the Honble George Morton Pitt Esq^r.
President & Governour &c^a. Councill
of Fort S^t. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The 4^th. Instant by the King Geo. Galley we reced your Hon^r. &c^a's. Favour of the 20^th. Febry & we return your Hon^r. &c^a. thanks for the kind Assistance you have been pleas'd to give the settle[ment] of Tellicherry in supplying it with Fifty five [men] & as the Distemper is now pretty much abated [we] have directed our Gent^n. there to return them to [your] Hon^r. &c^a. on some of the ships bound to your Port.

We shall Credit your Hon^r. &c^a. Four hundred nine Pagodas, twenty Fan^s. & twenty [seven] Cash for the Charges in forwarding that Detachment thither as we shall also give your Hon^r. &c^a. credit for seven hundred fifty eight Pag^s. twelve Fanams & seventy five Cash for the sundry stores & Necessarys supply'd the King George Galley withall & we shall Debt your Hon^r. &c^a. for Forty six Pag^s. eleven Fan^s. & twenty cash for the stores landed from that Vessell agreeable to your Hon^r. &c^as. Advice.

We are heartily sorry that your Honr. &ca. shou'd have reason to be under any Apprehensions concerning the Cadogan & hope that long ere this she is safely arrived with you. We are

BOMBAY CASTLE
THE 23D. APRIL 1731.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Serv[ts.]
ROBT. COWAN.
GEO: PERCIVALL.
[. . .]
HENRY KELLETT.

No. 39

TO THE HONBLE. GEO. MORTON PITT ESQR.
PRESIDT & GOVR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE
&CA. COUNCIL.

HONBLE. SR. & SRS.

I addresed your Honr. &ca. the 1st. Instt. under Cover to Capt. Hanson at Tranquebar & therein acquainted you with my Reasons why I could not leave this Coast, and Advised of my intentions to proceed to this Port & Wait your farther Advices, I arrived here ye. 6th. instt. & have ever since made it my Business to look out for Provisions of any kind which find no Possibility of getting, although am very civilly Allowed, all Liberty by ye. Government here. I shall therefore be under a necessity of Returning to your Port, or Fort St. David, to supply myself, if have Advices from your Honr. &ca. that there is no Danger, I hope the Report of the Ostend Ships being on the Coast has proved False, not being able, by what enquiry I have made as well by Sea as Land, to learn any Circumstances of the Truth of it, A Large Dutch Ship wth. 50 Guns mounted & having on board 250 men lays at Tranquebar and seems formidable enough to prevent ye. Ostend Ship (which lays there under ye. Danes Protection) from going to Sea, or to deter any other (if any be on the Coast) from offering to come into that Road.

I desire your Hon . &ca. will please to Favour me with what Advices you have as soon as Possible, that if it should not be safe for me to put back to one of the Ports Abovementioned, I may endeavour to supply my self in the best manner such Circumstances will Admit of, I am with ye. Greatest Respect

SHIP CADOGAN AT
NEGAPATAM MAY 9TH. 1731.

HONBLE. SR. & SRS.
Yr. most Obedt. Hum̃ Servt.
JAMES SANDERS.

No. 40

TO THE HOÑBLE GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE
&CA. COUNCIL.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS,

Your favour of 6th. Ultimo [came] to hand the 27th. Ditto.

It was agreeable to informe [your] Honr. &ca. the conclusion of the affair with Sage, but in such a place, as this, somew[hat] always interfeers towards a disturbance.

Hage Hussain has a large [Army] and wants more money to mentain [them] than this Country can afford, We have had [a] Report some time agoe that the whole Country under the Rajahs, as well as the Moors was to be searched for those People that had been accessary to the stealing, or Receiving of any of the Effects, belonging to Dachram Town, upon Perusal of his Orders it was so writ, that upon any complaint [made] by any one (but dont say concerning what) The Town Renter shoud assist to the delivering of the Person Accused, or become security for him.

Ingeram was the first Town that was surprized, by Twenty four Peons, who came in the night, and Cunshum [Lingana] was seized upon for the first, by five in [the] morning, as I had advanced this man a great deal of money and no other Security then his Person, I sent to know the meaning, and the head Peon sent word he woud [enquire] & informe me, which he did (accompanied with two, or three more) about nine a clock, and brought Lingana with them, they said Hage Hussain had been informed Lingana had been the occation of a family of nine Peoples Death, and as I knew the man was innocent of the guilt of such a crime, Plainly told them the man was intrusted by me for a great deal of money; and that he shoud not sturr; upon w^ch^. those Peons, that came in, went out saying they woud have him by force, bringing their little Number of People to the door, where it ended in a Hubbub among themselves. They carried several of the Town People away, thô none that they could accuse of either stealing, or Receiving, stolen Goods, and in other places great Numbers have been carried away, but now the Rajah has order'd them to repell them, if they offerr by Violence to take any more, but what they find the Goods upon, or good proof they had stole any, and has wrote a Letter of complaint to Hage Hussain.

The head Peon in the afternoon requested that he might come to me, who, upon being asked what he wanted, he said, a Note signed by me, and the Renter (for fear I shoud be gone) that a Person shoud be sent to Hage Hussain, to sattisfie him in the affair, as soon as he was upon his Return to Ra[. . .]Coatas (which is since done in a proper manner).

As this coud be of no detra[ction] to the Company, I consented (after some time) to the Proposal, as it was the lesser evil, [if] they had, had the Resolution of making an[y] force attempt, and by giving a Note I sav[ed] my man, w^ch^. was the best security for upw[ards] of Two Thousand Pagodas upon Ballance and if I had sufferr'd them to have carried him away, it woud have been a great discredit to the Company, as also breaking a good Rule, of giving the Companys protection, to all depending on them; The man [is] Responsable enough if an unusual charge shoud happen to be needfull. The story in short is—About six, or seven months agoe, in the night four men broke thrô a mudd Wall in the room where Lingana, & his Son was asleep, and without being discoverd had taken a small hand Escrutore, with about sixty Rupees, and three or four Pago^s^. in dubs, the weight made them beleive it was the booty they wanted, and only throwing two or three peices of cloth about the Room, went out, as they came in all undiscovered till the morning, in short the men were found out, taken, and whipt by the Goverment People, and kept of nights in a Godown of Lingana's, One of those people confess'd the truth, with many Circumstances, and what other places they had a design upon, Partcularley the room I lay in, which being next the Pagoda, that was the way, they was to come, and had been twice under the Wall of the room, but the Pagoda wall being most all down, facing the street, as they said, by Peoples passing to and thrô, they was afraid of being discover'd, and if had, coud have no way to escape (by depending on their heels) the other three ways being stopt up; One of them to whom the misfortune happen'd, being of a better family than the rest (but very poor) the shame of such a thing, being laid to their charge, the Wife, Mother, Sisters, and his own children, tyed their cloths together, and fell in Corango River and were all drownded, a Night or two afterwards (as the man was kept in Iron till he paid the money he had promised) he got up silently in the Night, and threw himself down a small well, and was drownded likewise; One paid his share of the money, and the other as he swallowd his Linggum, a little stone Image that being as much as renouncing their G[od] it put Cunshum Lingana in such a fright that he let him loose, and this is all the Restitution a man can have for being rob[bed] and one I am oblidged to trust very larg[ely] sometimes.

Your Honour &c^a^. will please [to] observe, by the Account at the foot hereof, [I] have made a good progress, for the time of [year] in my Investment. I have still a great [deal] of money out, but for which, cloth comes [in] daily, and my Merchants are men of Prope[rty] and I hope no danger of suffering by them, [but] the badness of the country Government. Ther[efore] humbly request a timely supply of cash, that there may be no want to assist my Merchants as Needfully requires.

As I am in hopes of procuring a good Number of Bales, I take leave to request your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. permission, for making some provission for Godowns, The Nilla Pillee house and a thach house at Savaier, was were they kept the cloth last year, but the house at Nilla Pillee, cannot be of more service, Except a thorough Repair may be made, which may be done for about eighty Pagodas, and then will be better then it has been yet, by reason the floor will be paved, and the Wall of the inside chanam'd, which will prevent the whi[te] aunts, from coming out of the Wall, or Rising out of the ground, otherwise, new thach Godowns must be made, at a good deal less charge, (but more danger by Accident of fire) the old ones being all down. If it is your Honour &c^{a}. pleasure, for Repairing the large Godown, I can begin to Embale the cloth early, otherwise I must let it alone, till the month of Decem^{r}:, and then the quantity of Bales I Expect by that time, will put one to some trouble to get the cloth thoroughly cured, and Embaled, to send up so early as your Honour &c^{a}. may Expect them.

I am with the utmost Respect

HON^{BLE}: SIR, & SIRS,

Your most Faithfull, and most Obedient Servant

JOHN SANDERSON.

INGERAM

2^{D}. MAY 1731.

Cloth at the Washers 1023 peices.

No. 41.

HONNORABLE SIR !

I received yours and Council most worthy favours of y^{e}. 3 May O : S : to this places Goverment and this serves for Answer y^{t}. you are Pleased to mention y^{t}. y^{e}. Emperors Ship who lyes here in our Road ought to be confiscated both ship and Cargo or at least to sequester both till we have sure Information Whither y^{e}. Pass be right or not, Alone there is no Manner of doubt but y^{t}. y^{e}. same is right, otherwise I dared not Embolden my self to undertake such a Case, for it would be pretty hard for me to Answer to it hereafter and Especially seing y^{e}. Ship does not belong to Any of y^{e}. Emperors oun Dominions but from that in y^{e}. Romish Dominions lying free City called Franckfuhrt and it should follow that my Master the King being a Member of y^{e}. Romish Dominions should have all y^{e}. other peers of y^{e}. same to Foes wherof a great dale of disturbance Could Arise.

Further is here inclosed a Contra Protest which I together w^{t}. y^{e}. rest of y^{e}. Counsil have found ourselves Necessitated to let goe out in Answer to yours of the 19 Aprile O : S :

Moreover I hope y^{t}. this Ship w^{t}.in a few dayes and w^{t}.out The making any Merchandizeing shal goe from this Place so y^{t}. thereby neither the English nor any other Company shal be prejudiced for one fano ; so I hope that this Affair will be Ended and so y^{e}. Old friendship which hase been between both Nations in India may remain I am w^{t}. Entire Respects

HONBLE SIR!

Your Most humble servt.

[*Illegible*].

FORT DANSBORG

Y^{E}. 23 MAY 1731/N.S.

No. 42.

When we impossible could expect other from the English Goverment at Madrass then ane Acceptable Answer upon our so civil and in all its circumstances true Letter of y^{e}. 9th. Instant, was sent us by the Dutch over Nagapatnam from y^{e}. English Goverment (of the same date w^{t}.their first letter) a Protest right strange and without any ground, for if a Body at Clear day with wholesome and unprejudiced Judgment considers that the Emperors Ship who lyes now here in Reparation is neither equipped from any of the Eastcountries Nederlands Ports nor are

allowed Under Confiscation of Ship and Cargo to return into any of them and consequently does not break the Preliminaries which only mentions the Hinderance of the Ostend Companies tradeing for 7 Years; So wee cannot see what foundation or ground the English Goverment at Madras hase to forme any Protest against us who in y^e^. least hase done nothing against them with this Man who hase his Romish Emperors Majesties Pass further then what every honest Nation ought to doe to one who is put to a Push w^t^. a ferial yea more then half rotten Ship. Since then Neither the English Goverment at Madras nor any other Body under the Sun Shall to all Eternity make good that this Man (who [neither] depends upon nor is sent out by any of y^e^. Ostends Company but is a Franck-fuhrter gone out from Cadix) is or hase been here A shore to trade for the worth of one Dollar the which wee could have done hade wee found it servisable, neither hase saids Man received more benevolences then one other yea and which the Heathens never should have deniyed him.

To protest we Contrâ after the best and lawfullest form with this our Contrâ Protest not only against such alledgances and complaints but also after the powerfullest way and manner in Name of his Majesty our King for the preservation of his Majesties Lawfull Jura and high Regalia declares y^t^. saids English Goverment who w^t^.out reason, foundation or the least truth alone on others false conceipt hase been pleased to Approach us, [and] themselves agressors [unless] all the World ought to be look't upon as Authors and encouragers of such prejuditious Suites which by consequences can Arise and spring from saids Goverment [. . .]lation.

[The serving] us on her Majesties account to all the rights in Law which now or hereafter can be found needfull in behalf of this Affair.

To the more strenghtning of this our Contra Protest have wee affixed his Majesties Seal and by us Subscriven Fort Dansborg the 23 May 1731/N.S.

N°. 43.

To the Hon^ble^ George Morton Pitt Esq^r^.
President & Govern^r^. &c^a^. Council of
Fort S^t^. George.

Hon^ble^. Sir and Sirs

Our last address to your Honour &c^a^. was dated the 4^th^. Instant with our Account Cash for the Month of March, as also an open Draught for the Month of Aprill, by which your Honour &c^a^. may observe we really want a Supply.

The Cowl for the Measuring and Weighing Dutys is expir'd, and Mootreshepilla the late Farmer acquaints us, he has been so great a sufferer by that Farm, that he can not further engage in it on the last Conditions, and We can't as yet find any Body to undertake it We have left the management of it to the late Renter on Account of our Hon^ble^. Masters, till your Honour &c^a^. please to let us know your pleasures.

We most Respectfully remain

Fort S^t^. David
May the 20^th^. 1731

Hon^ble^: Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient and Faithfull
Hum^ble^: Serv^ts^.

Edw: Croke.
R. Berriman.
R. Brooke.
Tho: Eyre.
Holland Goddard.
Edw^d^: Harris.

N°. 44.

To the Hon^ble^. George Morton Pitt Esq^r^.
Presid^t^. & Gov^r^. of Fort S^t^. George
&c^a^. Council.

Hon^ble^. S^r^. & S^rs^.

Your Favour of y^e^. 11^th^. reached me Yesterday w^th^. that Inclosed to the Gov^r^. & Council of this Place, w^th^. your Recommendations on my Acc^t^. for which Acknowledge my Self greatly Obliged.

In my Address to your Hon^r^. &c^a^. of the 9^th^. Ins^t^. I advised of y^e^. State of my Case, shall use my Utmost Endeavours to supply my Self here if Possible, but if find it ineffectual must again put back to your Port.

I am w^th^. the Greatest Respect
Hon^ble^. S^r^ & S^rs^.
Y^r^. most Obliged and Obed^t^.
Serv^t^.
James Sanders.

Ship Cadogan at
Negapatam May 17^th^. 1731.

N°. 45.

To the Hon^ble^: George Moreton Pitt Esq^r^.
President, and Gov^r^. of Fort S^t^. George
&c^a^. Council.

Hon^ble^. S^r^. & S .

By M^r^. Davis who arrived here the 23^d^. Ult^o^: We receiv'd your Hon^r^. &ca's Letter of the 18^th^. and the 27^th^. Another of the 22^d^. by M^r^. Goddard; with the former We also receiv'd, Treasure, Wares, and Stores as ℘^r^. Invoice, and an Invoice of what Bales We sent in January last which shall be brought into our Books accordingly. Rec^d^. 2^d^. June.

We shall punctually follow your Hon^r^. &ca's Directions concerning the Investment, an[d] though 'tis certain that Subana has some time been dead, yet one Operan his Nephew to whom he left what he had; with Ram Rause, and others of their Head Men continued their Forces in the same man[ner] as usual, We are likewise credibly inform'd that Ram Rause is since dead, but that the rest of the Relations and his Head Man are now fighting with the M[oors] so that we shall as yet be able to do but little to the Southward, and Hadji Hassan while he stays in those Parts puts the Country in as much confusion, as the Other; it is stil talk'd that he designs this way, and if it should prove so, We shall certainly have a troublesome neighbour of him, and he will be of no small Hindrance to our Investment to the Northward: but let what will happen We shall be sure to make that our chiefest care, and use all imaginable means to make it as large as possible; though the dearness of cotton at Ganjam, the Famine, and Troubles now there, We are fearful Will be a Total Disapointment to our Expectations that Way this Year.

We have sent M^r^. Sanderson fifteen hundred 1500 of the three thousand 3000 Rupees y^r^. Hon^r^. &ca. order'd him, and shall let him have the other fifteen hundred 1500 when he sends for it.

We are with great Respect
Hon^ble^: S^r^. & S^rs^:
Y^r^. most Obedient Hum Serv^ts^.
Sands Davis.
Cha: Simpson.
Rich^d^. Dockwra.

Vizagapatam
7^th^. May 1731.

N°. 46.

To the Hon͠ George Morton Pitt Esq^r.
President and Governour
&c^a. Council of Fort S^t. George.

Hon͠ble Sir & Sirs

Recd. 7th. June. Since our Letters of the 12^th. and 20^th. April, 4^th. and 20^th. May We are Favour'd with your Hon^r. &c^a's. of the 2^d. Instant permitting M^r. Goddard to go to Madrass. He accordingly sets out this Evening.

Inclos'd we present our Warehouse keeper's Indent with the Cash Accounts for the Month's April and May.

We are
Hon͠ble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants

Fort S^t. David
the 5^th. June 1731.

Edw: Croke.
R. Berriman.
R. Brooke.
Tho: Eyre.
Holland Goddard.
Edw^d. Harris.

N°. 47.

To the Hon͠ble George Morton Pitt Esq^r.,
President, and Gov^r. of Fort S^t. George
&c^a. Council.

Hon͠ble Sir, & Sirs,

Recd. 12th. June. I paid my Respects to your Hon^r. &c^a. the 2^d. Instant, since which, I have your [favour] of the 22^d. Ultimo, adviseing of Three Thousand [Rupees] being sent on the Pondee Briggantine by M[. . .] to Vizagapatam, for the use of this Residency [of] which the Chief & Council sent me Fifteen Hundred, but understanding the Necessity they [are] in for Rupees, and the little Occation I had for the money here (which is only to Pay Servants Wages) I Remitted for the Present, One Thousand back.

I have made my Application to the Chief of Vizagapatam & Council, for Two Thousand Pagodas, to help Carrying on my Investment but they fearing the Disappointment of an [early] supply, which if did not come they woud be obli[ged] to stand still, Therefore has not assisted me.

Your Honour &c^a. has at the [bottom] of this account Cloth at the Washers, Cloth come[s in] daily, and I beg I may not be in want of a sp[eedy] supply of Cash for the more Effectual Carrying [on] the Investment

Hage Hussain, is not above Twenty Seven Miles off, where the Vakeel has been with him, and finished the Affair of the Merchant to Sattisfaction, Concerning which, I informed your Honour &c^a. in my Last.

I am with due Respect
Hon͠ble Sir, & Sirs
Your most Faithfull, most obedient Servant
John Sanderson.

Ingeram
[28^th.]May 17[31].

	Cor.	Peices
Cloth at the Washers	91 :	13.

N°. 48.

To the Honble. George Morton Pitt Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

We are to Acknowledge your Honr. &ca's. Favour of the 10th. And here Transmitt our Storekeeper's Account Proffit and Loss for the year past Amounting to Pags. 122. 5. 29. Of which sum your Honr. &ca. will please to observe Pags. 84. 18. 44 to be for Goods Receiv'd short of Invoice & what you have already Granted, All else considera[bly] lies in the 4 Tarpawlins, which on survey prove to be Torn Rotten and Useless as a[re] the severall other lesser Articles therein Containd, Which we therefore beg leave to Recommend as Fitting by your permission to be wrote off. Recd. 20th. June.

We are in Duty & Respect

Fort St. David
16 June 1731.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants

Edw : [Croke].
R. Berriman.
R. Brooke.
Edwd : Harris

N°. 49

To the Honble. George Morton Pitt Esqr :
Presidt : & Govr : of Fort St : George
&ca. Councill.

Honble. Sr : & Srs :

Since our last to your Honr : &ca. of the 20th : of Febry : of which the Accompanying is Duplicate, Wé have not recd : any from You.

Yesterday Imported here the London, Capt : Hunter from Suratt, but last from Anjengo, who brings us the Melancholly news he learnt there, that the Cadogan was not arrived wth : You in March last ; wch : Concerns us greatly She having on board Acco' : the Honble : Company to the Amount of Rupees Five hundred Seven thousand Eight hundred thirty One ; Fourteen Anaes.

We desire your Honr : &ca. will please to send us on the Europe Ships about Two hundred fifty Tons of Redwood, & that You will let it be in, as small sticks as possible, Our Commanders complaining greatly at the Charge they are obliged to be at in splitting & sawing the large pieces.

The Bullion design'd for the Bay by this Years Shipping, We desire may be sent half in Rupees, & half in Silver, & also that you will dispatch the Ships as soon as possible being in great want of mony to carry on our Investment.

Herewith We send Our Account Current with your Presidency.

Your Honr : &ca. will please to inform us what Quantity of Bales you shall be able to provide for your Quota for this Years Shipping, We are endeavouring to procure as many as possible, though the Extravagant price of Silk will We believe make us fall short in the Cossimbuzar Investment, It being from Eleven Anaes to twelve Anaes ℔ Seer dearer this Year than the last, wch : affects likewise the silk piece Goods in proportion.
We are

Fort William
the 29th : April 1731.

Honble : Sr : & Srs :
Your most Hum : Servants

Jn°. Deane.
Mattw. Wastell.
Rd. Bourchier.
Jn°. Sainsby. Lloyd
Chas. Hampton.

N°. 50

To the Hon^ble^: George Morton Pitt Esq^r^:
President, and Gov^r^:
&c^a^. Council of Fort S^t^: George

Hon^ble^: S^r^: & S^rs^:

This serves to accompany a Packet, we have just now receiv'd from the Hon^ble^: President, and Council of Fort William; which they desire may be forwarded with all Expedition, by the Peons who brought the above mention'd Packet We are advis'd that the Nabob of Cuttack is still at War with the Raja's there about, which puts the Country into great Confusion to the Northward, nothing more material offering at present; We are with great respect

Vizagapatam
4^th^: June 1731.

Hon^ble^: S^r^: & S^rs^:
Your most obedient Humble Servants

Sands Davis.
Cha: Simpson.
Rich^d^. Dockwra.

N°. 51.

To the Hon^ble^. George Morton Pitt Esq^r^.
Presid^t^. & Govern^r^. of Fort S^t^. George
&c^a^. Council.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

Rec^d^. 8^th^. July.

My last to Your Honour &c^a^. was the 28^th^. Ultimo informing You of the Necessary Occurrances to that time.

M^r^. Thomas Clogie, whom I informd Your honour &c^a^. in mine of the 12 January last, to have Entertaind here in the Place of M^r^. William Crawford; Died the 18 Instant, It was somthing very Sudden, for thô he had complaind of a Pain in his Leggs and had at last an Intermitting Feaver, there was no sym[ptom] of Danger till about Three hours before he Dyed when He was taken with convulsions, I humbly submit to your Honour &c^a^. pleasure for sending some one e[lse] the chiefest Reason, for the better security of the Honourable Companys Effects at this Residency.

Cloth comes in much slower then it [did] The Camp being so near is one Reason, and the excess[ive] Price Cotton is now at is another, it selling for last market Day, at the Rate of Forty Pagodas, Thirty one Fanams and Fifty Cash ℘ Candy so That the Weavers cannot with any Courage set about the Ordinary Cloth But should your Honour &c^a^. Please of permitting a proportion of Fine to help out, it will be some incouragement for setting closer to their Business.

By these Peons I take leave of sending Your Honour &c^a^. the Books of this [Resi]dency Ending the ultimo April.

My People wanting more money then I had to give them, I requested of the Gentlemen of Vizagapatam, Pagodas for Five and Twenty hund^d^. Rupees, of the Three Thousand Rupees you was pleased to order, and Five hundred Rupees, which I have Receivd The five and Twenty hundred Rupees at Three Rupees Two Annas ℘ Pagodas is Just Eight hundred Pagodas.

Since Writeing the foregoing, your Honours &c^a^. favour of the 7 Instant is come to hand and your orders shall be puntually observed as to provideing Two hundred Peices Izzarees fine thicker than the last the rest Ordinary Cloth submitting to your pleasure for the Valluation of the same. There is no other Buyers at present in this Country but the Gentlemen of Vizagapatam and self If the excessive Price of Cotton may not be an impeadement for want of being able of giveing a

better incouragement to the Weavers for their setting to work wth. more vigour I am not so much apprehensive but other impeadements will soone blow over thô the whole Country is at present in sad confusion.

I shall send for no more then Two hund. Pagodas to make the eight hundred I had before one Thousd. besides five and Twenty hundred Rupees to make the Three Thousand.

I am with due Respect

Ingeram
The 21 June 1731.

Honourable Sir & Sirs
Your most Faithfull & Obedt.
humble. Servant
John Sanderson.

at The Washers

		corge	Pces.
Long Cloth	... ...	97	2

[*Letters* 52 *to* 55 *are missing*].

No. 56.

To the Honble. George Morton Pitt Esqr.
Presidt. and Governr. of Fort St. George
&ca. Council.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

My last to Your Honour &ca. was the 22 Ultimo, since which I have been favoured with yours of the 22 Dt. via Vizagatam [*sic*], with Fifteen Hundred Pagodas, the Gentlemen there have sent us a supply of Cash, with assurance of as much more as they can well spare.

The hopes I gave Your Honour &ca. [. . .]

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Under the pretention of geting Restitution from those People; a Number of Peons that are perfectly well acquainted with the Country, has been placed all over in small Numbers, ceasing all they could lay hold of, that they had the least notice had any money, and by Torture gets a sume from them. The Rajah Cast People to this time have escaped, being only obliged to deliver other People they at first gave protection; But the Moor Peons that are here give out, the Rajahs cast People are reserved for another set of People, that are to be of less continuance then themselves who are Inhabitants as it ware among them. Upon the first comming of these People no grain was procurable; That is now somthing better, occasion'd by People [. . .]

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Pondicherry to the Nabob, another to the Rajah, [noti]fieing, if they woud send the former his Phermau[nd] the latter his Dustick, they woud send People to Re[settle] Yanam, The Phirmaund and Dustick are gone, [and] the Dubash by order from his masters, continues [in] Camp till further orders come from Pondich[erry].

The Rains being begun to se[t in] thare is no Touching the Top of Nella Pillee hou[se wch.] is at present tight so as to prevent easey [. . .] and propt up the Top as well as it can be, [. . .] Three small Godowns built for the Cloth [. . .]

the wash, and for Beating the Cloth when tha[. . .] comes, all of which comes to no great Charge [. . .]ing house at Ingeram has had an extraordinary Repair with several conveniences that was much wanted before.

I am with due Respect

Cloth at the Washers.

	Corge	Pcs.
Longcloth	102	2

Honourable Sir & Sirs

Your Most Faithfull And most Obed^t. Ser[v^t.]

John Sanderson.

Ingeram
The 8th. July 1731.

N°. 57

To the Honourable George Morton Pitt Esq$_R$.
President & Governour &c^A. Council
of Fort S^T. George.

Hon^{ble} Sir & Sirs

Rec^d. 28th. July. The Rama being now bound for Fort S^t. George we take this opportunity to let you know our Wants, In hopes of their supply by her Return, And Accordingly Inclose to your Hon^r. &c^a. our Indents for Wares Stores and Stationary for the Current year.

We have nothing more as yet to Offer but that We are

Hon^{ble} Sir & S^{rs}.

Your Most Obedient Servants
Randall Fowke.
Edw: Croke.
R. Berriman.
Tho: Eyre.
Edw^D. Harris.

Fort S^T. David
26°. July 1731.

N°. 58

To the Honourable George Morton Pitt Esq^R.
President and Governour &c^A.
Council of Fort S^T. George.

Hon^{ble} Sir & Sirs

Rec^d. 12th. Aug^t. We have address'd You of the 17th. & 29th. Ultimo, And are now to acquaint You that our Deputy Governour has had several private Conferences with the Merchants, And used all probable means by representing the Penalty Incurr'd & still due on their last Contract, to Invite them directly to fulfill it, And Enter on some further Engagement And this even by promises in Consultation this morning to Interceed for a Reconcilement of their Trespass on the last; But They will only still urge the Excessive Dearness of Cotton and great Demand for that Manufacture: We are sensible these Allegations are but too Just, particularly as we find one Laul Cawn a man of Power & Place is busie near Us in Monopolizing that Comodity through all his Country, in service of the Danes and Dutch who are said to have Advanc'd him to a large Amount. We need not trouble your Hon^r. &c^a. with a particular Detail of the many other Unhappy Circumstances we still lie under, For we cannot better describe our present Condition in that Respect than by desiring to referr you to our last Year's Letters of the 12th. May and 23^d. June, With this Melancholy Addition, That those obstacles not only still subsist but by Continuance

are Increas'd, Insomuch that we are at a loss for Terms to propose to your Honr. &ca. for the present Investment, any thing near the Company's usual prices, And can only Say, We have tryed and examin'd both sets of our Merchants in Consultation this Morning, And finding an Irreconcileable Disagreement between Sha Permall and his Partners, We at last prevail'd on him to take the remaining Advance of their last year's Contract on his own proper Account, And, (thô he does not Contract,) promises to Compleat the number of Bales wanting to fulfill the same by Musters, which he then produc'd and we now Dispatch ⅌ Cooly with their Affixed prices for Your Honr. &ca's. Directions Vizt.

Long cloth ordinary of Usual Dimensions	@ P.	$42\frac{3}{4}$.
Long cloth midling	Do.	$42\frac{3}{4}$.
Sallampores Ordinary	Do.	$18\frac{1}{2}$.

And as both sets Assert they have ready in Unsorted Goods, within one thousand of about Four thousand Pagodas due on their respective Ballances, We Consented to Gratifie Sha Permall's Request for one thousand Pagodas more to spread his Commissions in time up the Country.

Tomby Chitty's merchants offer'd their Musters also Vizt.

Long cloth ordinary of Usual Dimensions	@ P	45.
Sallampores Ordinary	Do.	20.

which we also Tender, though they decline & Evade coming to an Agreement for any Stated quantity, And will only promise their Endeavours as far as the badness of the times will Admitt. They have about 23 Bales of their Turn'd out Cloth, Remains of last Year's Contract, We beg your Honr. &ca. Directions whether we shall render them up or take them ⅌ Judgement at a proportionable Abatement. And Here, as our Deputy Governr. Acquaints there are Orders from England for a New Method of Sorting ⅌ Judgement of Council on each Parcel of Cloth Offer'd, We desire your Honr. &ca's. Directions for our Demeanour in that Respect also.

In February 1729/30 Sloop Rama Carried three Bales of Sha Permall's Long cloth Fine which being Turn'd out here and Mark'd L[CF]X were plac'd at the foot of the Invoice, and tender'd only to be priz'd by the President and Council, But having Yet receiv'd no account of their Accepted value, He applys for that Credit, which when your Honr. &ca. will please to Inform Us, shall be given him.

Our Deputy Governour observes no Ginghams Demanded in the List of Investment for this year, And having about 17 Corge offer'd, being what provided on last Year's Contract, desires if in the present Dearth of Goods we shall Accept them or what more he can get.

Mr. Croke Warehousekeeper Reports. he has two Bales Bengall Goods of a Wreck drove ashore about three Month's since, now under his care, That he has Washed them, And no Claimant yet Appearing, We desire your Honr. &cas. Orders for their Disposal; The particulars are

One Bale qt.	Muggadowaties	...	566 pieces.
One Do.	Do.	...	104
	Do. Clouts	...	150
	Cuttanees	...	150
	Silk Clouts	...	2
	Silk Handkerchiefs	...	6

The Deputy Governour also represents that having Discours'd our late measuring Farmer & others about the present Value of the Farm, he cannot prevail on any to bid above 150 pagodas ⅌ Ann. Offer'd this day in Consultation by the late Farmer We therefore propose to put it up to Outcry at that price on Saturday next.

We are to remind your Honr. &ca. That the proposed Repairs of Cuddalore Factory lie still for want of proper Timbers, And that If they don't come suddenly as the season is already very far advanc'd, we shall not be able to Compleat it before the Rains set in. The Garden House also still waits for Timbers.

It appearing to us that there was a month & half's pay due to a Sarjeant & ten Topasses Return'd of the Tellicherry Party dispatchd from hence, to the time of their Reinrollment here, as ℘ our Paymaster's Inclos'd note Amounting to P. 33 2, which we desire to Debt to Fort S^t^. George that your Hon^r^. &c^a^. may Transferr it to Bombay presidency.

M^r^. Threipland our Surgeon prays that his Indent for medicines from Europe may be sent here with the other Stores already wrote for.

M^r^. Robert Turin Surgeon' mate here Complains to us that he cannot Subsist himself on so small Pay as that now Allow'd him of Five Pag^s^. ℘ mensem, And hearing of a Vacancy of that Post in Ship George, Apply'd for his Discharge, But says If we will Augment his Pay to the former allowance of Pag^s^. 8 ℘ mens. he will Gratefully continue his best services: We apprehending some difficulty to Engage so sober and Diligent a Young Man of that profession to come here, beg leave to recommend him to your Hon^r^. &c^a^. as worthy of his Request.

We are

Fort S^T^. David
9^TH^. August 1731.

Hon^ble^ Sir & S^rs^.
Your very Faithfull hble Serv^ts^.

Randall Fowke.
Edw: Croke.
R. Berriman.
R. Brooke.
Tho: Eyre.
Edw^d^. Harris.

No. 59.

To the Honourable
George Morton Pitt Esq^r^.
President and Governour
&c^a^. Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Hon^ble^ Sir & Sirs

Rec^d^. 14th. Aug^t^. The 9^th^. past we wrote you the Condition of Affairs here pretty fully, and are now to add that Tondroy pilla offers [to] Contract for providing all the blue Cloth Demanded in this year's List of Investment being 4000 Pieces by the Company's former Musters at Pag^s^. 48 ℘ Corge. We desire your Hon^r^. &c^a's^. pleasure whether we shall make him any Advance for that purpose.

The Deputy Governour Informs us that M^r^. John Taylor who was an Ensign here having for some time past been Unfit for further Duty, is Enter'd on half Pay at Fort S^t^ George And desires to recommend Sarjeants James Price or Thomas Horne, the former having serv'd upwards of 21 Years and the latter about 17, As deserving of your Hon^r^. &c^a's^. Encouragem^t^. in the succession to that Vacancy.

We are

Fort S^T^. David,
the 12^TH^. August 1731.

Hon^ble^ Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants

Randall Fowke.
Edw: Croke.
R. Berrimam.
R. Brooke.
Tho: Eyre.
Edw^d^. Harris.

P.S.
Tondaroy begs 2000 pag^s^. in advance, but cannot promise any Ordinary Cloth.

N^{o}. 60.

To the Hon^{ble}. George Morton Pitt Esq^{r}.
President, and Gov^{r}. &c^{a}. Council
of Fort S^{t}. George.

Hon^{ble}. S^{r}. & S^{rs}.

The 26th. Ult^{o}. by the Elizabeth, We rec^{d}. Your Hon^{r}. &ca's Letter of the 22^{d}. with the Pagodas as ꝑ^{r}. Invoice, and We shall obey y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &ca's Orders, in supplying M^{r}. Sanderson; with what He may have occasion for, whenever He sends for it, and should He at any time advise Us of his being so much out of order as to require any Assistance from hence We shall immediately send a proper Person to take care of the Hon^{ble}. Company's Effects in case of any Accidents. Rec^{d}. 30th. Aug^{t}.

Though the Country to the Southw^{d}. still continues unsettled, yet the Cotton taken out of the Elizabeth will be some help to the Investment which We shall take care to carry on with the utmost Vigour, and only beg leave once more, to let your Hon^{r}. &ca. know; that We are in great want of Rupees, to forward it to the Northward; where lies our chiefest Dependance.

We now send our Diarys, Consultations, and Paymaster's Accounts to the Ult^{o}. June, and as our General Books are almost copyed We shall send them as soon as finish'd. We are

Vizagapatam
3^{d}. August 1731.

Hon^{ble}. S^{r}. & S^{rs}.
Your most Obed^{t}. Humb: Serv^{ts}.

Sands Davis.
[Cha: Simpson.]
Rich^{d}. Dockwra.

N^{o}. 61.

To the Hon^{ble}. George Morton Pitt Esq^{r}.
Presid^{t}. & Govern^{r}. of Fort S^{t}. George
&c^{a}. Council.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

The last I paid my Respects to Your Honour &c^{a}. was the 8 ultimo. It is no little concern to me that I cannot informe you any of those Impeadements that stopt me going on in my Investment (as I once did) are overcome. The white cotton continues at abo[ut] Forty one Pagodas ꝑ Candy, The oppression of the moors is not over but insteed The Nabob makes a new demand of one hundred Thousand Rupees for himself to pre[vent] Robbing the country more savierly [*sic*]; The Reply the R[ajah] has made to this, is, The Country now belongd to the moors and they must do as they pleased, That he had no more then the Fort He lived in he could claim his own, which he woud defend; I cant tell what further may happen should not the Rajah endeavour to make thing easey, by allowing another sume of money, The Rajah cast People have not been taken notice of as yet, in having money taken from them, and they are the only People that might be reasonably taken hold of, as being Accessary to the mischief Subbana & Rammerauze has done. Therefore I humbly beg to know your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. pleasure If I may send for the Vessell I have agreed to Freight the Bales upon, with all convenient speed to ley in a readiness in this River in order to secure the Hon^{ble}. Companys Effects, should any commotion happen that may require it. Rec^{d}. 30th. Aug^{t}.

Monsieur Guillard with his Wife and a second are lately arrived at Metchlepatam from Pondicherry and in a few Days are expected at Yanam to resettle that Factory which is now a fitting up for them I humbly take leave to lay before your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. should the French come to Trade upon more advantageous Terms to the sellers then M^{r}. Davis and self are Limitted too, undoubtedly it will be a vast impeadement, and I have now upwards of Three Thousand Pagodas standing out,

for which if Cloth should not come in faster then it has done lately, it will be January before I have the Amount of that money brought in, whereas if your Hon^r. &c^a. of your superiour Judgement should think well of giveing Permission for Provideing a Proportion of Fine Cloth to be on as good Terms as the French, there is good reason but to believe those weavers which have the money in their hands may be the easier securd.

The 11 Instant I Received from Vizagapatam Two Thousand Pagodas which I shall give your Presidency Credit for.

I am with the utmost Respect

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Faithfull & Most Obedient
humble. Servt.
JOHN SANDERSON.

INGERAM
THE 13 AUGUST 1731.

Cloth at the Washers

	Cor.	Pcs.
Longcloth Ordinary	120	4

No. 62.

TO THE HONOURABLE
GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQr.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR
OF FORT St. GEORGE
&cA. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Recd. 6th. Sept.

Your Hon^r. &c^as. Favour of the 17th. ult^o. we here Answer. That we have carefully Review'd the 23 Bales of Tomby Chitty's Turn'd out Cloth and Accepted 14 of them at the prices your Hon^r. &c^a. will observe in our Inclos'd Acco^t. Sorting of the 13th. August, which though not perhaps proportionable in the Quality of the Cloth Yet considering the present value and Loss they so [suffer] we hope will be Approv'd reasonable. The remaining 9 Bales are by no means Merchantable [by] the Company.

Sha Permall will not be prevai[l'd] on to Enter on any new Contract Seperately, for the Bales wanting of his Partners last Year's Engagement, though he [con]tinues to promise the performance ; And [ind]eed as we Apprehend that Contract still exists though the time Limited for its performance be Expir'd, We hope it will be needless to Insist on any new one. Having thus taken on him the whole performance of that Contract he Claims the privilidge of providing the Blue Cloth as much easier to be g[ot] than Brown, and so take the whole upon himself which, especially as Tondaroy seems to recline from his Word to provide it, And to Encourage Permall's Endeavours, We have Consented to that his desire, though he refuses to Contract.

For Tomby Chitty's merchants as we can do nothing with them here, hope your Hon^r. &c^a. will reduce their Principals to Reason in Madrass Especially as we can get none else to Assist our Investment now Tondaroy has Absolutely Refus'd it.

Sha Permall having brought in a parcel of Sallampores on his own proper Engagement We met and Sorted seven Bales out of them in the new Method your Hon^r. &c^a. prescrib'd to us, And tho: we allow'd him 16 & 15 Pagodas for Nos. 2 & 3 being as much as we could judge the present value of the Cloth, he yet Murmurs at our hard dealing with him, And we are sorry on this occasion to tell yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. our Apprehensions that the natural Avarice of our Black Merchants will never allow their Content with a reasonable proffit, unless restrain'd by some prescrib'd Limitations which, (would they consent to) may be equally detrimental on the other Hand, So that in these Streights we shall find it too difficult to satisfie your Hon^r. &c^a., Ourselves and Them in points both of Quantity & Quality,

especially as they will very thankfully Consent to pay Interest for the Money advanc'd, as not knowing where else to [get] it for service of their own private Trade,—And [it is f]rom this Consideration that Permall now insists all but the Long cloth Ordinary that proves Inferiour to our N°. 2 should be return'd him, And urges such Sortments were not Contracted for, as a Plea to Carry it to the French or Dutch, So that to Check that pernicious practise and swell our own Tonnage we have been oblig'd to Accept but a very Indifferent Cloth for N°. 3, which we hope your Honr. &ca. will make us allowance for accordingly.

The 17 Corge of Ginghams were mention'd in our last to be provided [on] last year's Contract, And are of the measures Demanded in that List of Investment Vizt 40 Cov. long & $2\frac{5}{8}$ broad, But on since viewing them prove little better than [Ordy.] ⅌ Bengal Doosooties.

Sha Permall Complaining that he [has] near 100[0] pieces of Sallampores of full Breadth but Turn'd out for want of a Trifle in length, whereupon being remeasur'd are found short one with Another but about half a Covid, Wherefore, and because the Cloth seems pretty good we propose by your Honr. &cas. leave to Accept them on reasonable [allowances], & have sent them to be wash'd accordingly.

We have put up the Measuring Farm to Outcry as proposed on the Terms of the last [Cowle but it] was with slowest advances that it rose exactly to the Old Rent of P. 180 ⅌ Ann, which we have accordingly given in Cowle to Wollogapa Chi[tty] of Tevnepatam who Consents to Commence it from the Expiration of the last, The Old Farmer paying him it's produce from that time.

When we wrote your Honr. &ca. for Pay of the Men return'd of the Tellichery party We forgot to mention the Arms furnish'd hence for that Expedition, the Account whereof we here present & propose to Debt its Amount being P. 68 : 16 : [42] in our Accot. Current with your Presidency.

We Inclose our Cash accounts for June and July And by the List of Bales hereunder Your Honr. &ca. will see what yet done in our Investment.

The Company wanting Timbers to repair Cuddalore Factory and Mr. Berriman offering sixty pieces of 15 to 18 foot long and 5 to $7\frac{1}{2}$ square, We presuming on Your Honr. &cas. Approval have Agreed to purchase them at Pags. $2\frac{3}{4}$ each.

We are

Fort St. David
3D. February 1731.

Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your most Obedient Servants

[Randall fowke].
Edw : Croke.
R. Berriman.
R. Brooke.
[Tho : Eyre].
[Holland Goddard].
Edwd. Harris.

List of Bales Inferiour to the Musters Contracted by & taken in ⅌ Estimate at the prices following vizt.

		Bales.		
Long cloth Fine	N°. 4	3	@	P. 45 ⅌ Corge
D°.	3	1		50 ...
Sallampores Ordnry	2	5	@	16 ...
D°.	3	4		14. 2. 55.
D°.	3	5		15 ...
D°.	4	4		12. 34. 10.
		22 bales		
Embaled ...		30		
At Wash & Dye		10		
		40		

No. 63.

To the Honourable
George Morton Pitt Esqr.
President and Governour
of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Srs.

Recd. 14th Septr.

We Address'd ourselves to your Honr. &ca. the 3d. Instant, And the Rama now offering, and the northern winds Approaching, We have thought proper to Lade on her what Bales we have been able to get, that they may Arrive in time for your Honr. &ca's. Judgment to regulate our future proceedings by; They are as ℣ Bill of Lading and Invoice Inclosd Amounting to Pags. 1993. 28. You will thereby be pleas'd to note that the Bales mark'd O C are of the prices of last year, except those of lower numbers than Contracted for, taken in at a proportionable Abatement.

Inclosd is the account Sales at Outcry of the Wreck piece-Goods drove ashore here, And of two old stills reported by our Doctor to be useless and Cumbersome, And therefore Agreed to be so disposed of, Amounting together (Charges deducted) to Pags. 396. 25. 20. Produce of the Wreck Goods shall be brought to Account as yr. Honr. &ca. directed.

Our Deputy Governour has receiv'd 7 Petitions from the Military, And were Encouragement given to those presented, would have many more, All of them having serv'd beyond their Contracted times, And are very Clamorous to their Officers for their Discharge, Among these one Thomas Pindar a Corporal the 8th. Instant at Night through Discontent run his Bayonet quite through his Throat and Cut his Gullet and Windpipe, but by the skill and care of Mr. Thriepland is yet Alive, If he recovers we must beg leave to send him to Madrass, for in all his Torture he declares he will rather Dye than stay here, This so general Discontent among them we believe may be in great Measure if not entirely Appeasd by a Gratuity of about two Month's Pay to Engage them to Renew their Contracts for 5 Years longer, which we believe will be refused but by a few if any of them. This we beg leave to recommend as an easier Charge to our Hon. Masters to retain Men Season'd to the Country than to Pay the passage of fresh Undisciplin'd ones from England whose first Intemperance so often takes them off; But this we submitt to your Honr. &ca's. Judgement.

The Boat with the Wares & medicines is Arriv'd, but that with the Stores yet wanting.

Mr. Wilhelm the Dutch Chief at Tevnepatam Dy'd last sunday And Eram Rauze who had been many years the Company's Chief Merchant and Dubash, and done them good service Dy'd also this Morning. We are.

Fort St. David
the 12th. Septr. 1731.

Honble. Sir & Srs.
Your very Obedient Servts.

Randall Fowke.
Edw: Croke.
R. Berriman.
R. Brooke.
Tho: Eyre.
Holland Goddard.
Edwd. Harris.

Sha Permall is Washing		4 Bales.
	Beating	4
Tomby Chitty	Do.	3
		11

No. 64.

To the Honble. George Morton Pitt Esqr.
President, and Govr. &ca Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble. Sr. & Srs.

The Duke of Cumberland imported here the 24th: Ulto: and brought Us the Treasure. and Wares as ꝑr. Invoice; according to your Honrs. &ca's Orders, We detain'd her no longer than to get them on shore, but it being soon after the change of the Moon, and blowing very hard with Rain; hinder'd our Boats going off, and parted her best small Bower Cables, and though We gave her all the Assistance in our Power the Weather was so bad, that only the former could be got up: she saild the 29th. but We shall get up the small Bower if Possible; and send it ꝑr. first Opportunity to the Fort; not expecting any Conveyance to the Bay.

We have according to yr. Honr. &cas. Orders, advised the President, and Council of Bengal, that four hundred Bales will be the most We can possibly get; and desired them to send what Ships they think Proper to take in that number: but if the Country to the Southward continues in the Condition 'tis now in: We must certainly fall short of those, and as the French are now resetling at Yarnam, near Ingeram, and very probably will employ the Weavers about fine Goods: Your Honr. &ca. will please to consider what a hindrance that will be to our providing course, and that We must be necessitated to advance the Price, for what We can get.

We now send you one pair of our General Books, and are with great Respect

Honble. Sr. & Srs.

Vizagapatam
1st. Septr. 1731.

Your most Obedient Humble Servants
Sands Davis.
Cha: Simpson.
Richd. Dockwra.

No. 65.

To the Honble. George Morton Pitt Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. of Fort St. George
&ca. Councill.

Honble. Sr. & Srs.

Since our last of the 29th. April, Duplicate of which comes herewith, We have recd. your favour of the 1st. Inst. & are extremely glad to hear of the safe arrivall of Our Honble. Masters Ship Cadogan with you.

We were in hopes that you wou'd have been able this Year to furnish your Quota of Bales for the Shipping, but as you seem to doubt of it, We shall make as large a Provision as we possibly can.

When the Dividend is made of what was saved out of the Neptune Brigantine You will please to receive Contoo's proportion, & send it down to us on our Honble. Masters Account. We are

Honble. Sr. & Srs.

Fort William
the 24th. May 1731.

Your most Hum̃. Servants
Jno. Deane.
Mattw. [Wastell].
Rd. Bourchier.
Jno. Sainsby. Lloyd.
Chas. Hampton.

No. 66.

To the Hon^ble^. George Morton Pitt Esq^r^.
Presid^t^. & Gov^r^. of Fort S^t^. George
&c^a^. Councill.

Hon^ble^. S^r^. & S^rs^.

Our last to You was under date the 24^th^. of May, but the Cossids being stop'd on the way, return'd with the letters back, since which We have rec^d^. your severall Letters of the 7^th^. June 22^d^. ditto & 23^d^. of July.

The Walpole & Frances are safe imported w^th^. that welcome Article of Treasure & thô Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. seem to intimate that you have sent us an early Supply & Sufficient for our present Necessity We cannot be of the same Opinion since what is now lately arrived is but very inconsidera[ble] in respect of Our Investment, w^ch^. alone here Amounts to upwards of Twenty Eight Laack of Rupees, besides the Supplies We are obliged to send to Our Subordinate Factories, w^ch^. is about fifteen Laack more.

We shall comply with your demand for wares, & send them you by the Shipping, We now Enclose you Invoice & Bill of Loading for Five hundred Bags of Salt Petre laden on this Brigantine.

In a former Letter We desir'd you to send down [the] Mony deposited in your Court belonging to [Robert] Orme & Dixon however as you have not yet [done so] We desire you will do it by the first Opportu[nity]. We desire Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. will not send us any more [wax] on Our Hon^ble^. Masters Acco^t^. having no Occasion for it, since We can purchase it here better & at a Cheaper Rate.

We have acquainted M^r^. Samuel Harrison, w^th^. his being appointed a Factor at your Settlement, Who promises to take his Passage on the first Europe Ships.

We are
Hon^ble^. S^r^. & S^rs^.
Your most Hum̃. Servants

Fort William
the 10^th^. August 1731.

Jn^o^. Deane.
Matt^w^. Wastell.
R^d^. Bourchier.
Jn^o^. Sains^by^. Lloyd.
Cha^s^. Hampton.
H. Cole.
Jn^o^. Bonket.
[E. A. Carlered].

No. 67.

To the Honourable George Morton Pitt Esq^r^.
President & Governour of Fort S^t^. George
&c^a^. Council.

Hon^ble^. Sir & S^rs^.

We have your Favours of the 12^th^. [&] 21^st^. Instant before us And to the former, say, We shall Husband the Liberty there given us to allow [two] months pay to such of our military who have serv'd their Five years and want to be Discharg'd, with the best Frugality by prevailing on them to be easie till the time for the Europe Shipping's Departure that so we may not have so many Claimants [who] would probably appear between this & then [. . .] we so soon before give precedent of such [your] Hon^r^. &c^a's^. Encouragement. Your other Inclosing Ensign Horne's Commission with In[voice] & Bill of Lading of Saltpetre & Anchors ℘ Rama, [And] Advising of the thirty Bales sent on her being safe[ly] arriv'd. We are glad to find what we did in relation to the fourteen Bales Turn'd out last year Approv'd by your Hon^r^. &c^a^. though not by the merchants.

We give Sha Permall all the Encouragement possible, having Advanc'd him a thousand Pagodas when he ask'd for it; and told him he shall be no looser if he serves the Company with good Cloth, for we shall Allow him a price accordingly, But we fear we shall not be able to get any better than those Musters we sent your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. for your perusal [at] forty two, three quarters and forty five pagodas ⅌Corge which, If we can do no better we hope may be approv'd.

It was an omission that we did not write your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. our Consent to Sha Permalls providing the Blue Cloth to have been only on Terms of Your Approval, though it was given & accepted here with those Allowances, And is therefore now no disappointment on either hand; We did not even thus far proceed before we had been refused any share in the white Cloth from Tomby Chitty's and all other hands, And till Tondaroy had receeded from his promise for the Blue Cloth: And even now; it appears we gave him only our Sentiments that he should have the providing it, in that we did not Agree on any particular Terms with him, or even for the price of it; Though, in the above Circumstances, we were glad to Catch the offer from Permall, who notwithstanding the squabbles and Wrangling of his Partners had as it were Voluntarily taken on him the whole burthen of the Investment, And so not only, alone merited the Indulgence, but was the only man would deal with us. He now on producing a Muster of his Blue Cloth, which compared with the Company's is found to be a Courser Thread, nor so close. He says it cost him forty four pagodas brown & nine pagodas the Dye, And that he thinks it will not come cheaper, And that If requir'd, He can provide the whole Quantity, If we will not let him suffer by it. However in obedience to your Hon^{r}. &c$^{a's}$ Order, and in case he should fail us, We have offer'd Tomby Chitty's Gomastas the half of it; They say they have money lying in the Country and expect their returns of Cloth in a few days, but can give no further Answer in respect of Quantity Quality or price of white or Blue, Interim, If they should ask so high a price for the Blue we must desire your Hon^{r}. &c$^{a's}$. directions whether we shall refuse or Accept it in part of the four thousand pieces or about one hundred thirty three Bales Indented for. And this brings us to Acquaint your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. that

The 23^{d}. Instant We sorted of

		[No.]	Bales		
Tomby Chitty &c^{s}. Merch^{ts}.	Ordn̄ry Sallampores	3	2	and Turn'd out	5 [. . .]
Sha Permall &c^{a}.	Ditto	3	3	D^{o}.	144
		2	1		

In all 6 Bales at the [price] mention'd in our last, Though Sha Permall Asserted on his Oath, it Cost a pagoda & quarter more ⅌ Corge.

We are very sensible with your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. that good Cloth will always sell, when bad will not And it is with great Aversion and unwillingness we take this in, because none good has come to our [view] this year of any sort, and they do as much as tell us There is none procurable.

As to your Hon^{r}. &c$^{a's}$ Remark on the Conjeeing; They ever did beat & Conjee the worse sort [of] Cloth more than the better, for that the better needs [no] such Disguise: A piece of Craft ever practis'd to [hide] the Baseness as much as possible, however easi[ly] discover'd by any person that is used to look on Clo[thes] And yet were it forbid that sort of Cloth would not [be] accounted worth looking at.

Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. seems here to expect Interest for the whole sums Advanc'd to our mer[ch^{ts}.] though a former Letter speaks it to be, on making [up] their accounts, Intimating, (as we must think to [be] most reasonable and your true Intentions), That they should pay only on the amount of what not Invested to your satisfaction; Which we yet fear will be their Ca[se].

It is now so late in the Season, and the heavy rains that have here fallen gives us a great deal of Concern how to Contribute our share in filling up the Tonnage you will have on hand in January, All we can say, we will do our best Endeavours and fail not to Awe our Merchants with your Hon^{r}. &c$^{a's}$. reasonings respecting their Contract And the Penalty attending, and to observe all your other directions.

The Seventeen Corge of Sha Permall's Ginghams before said to have lain some time in our Godowns as much Inferiour to the Company's Muster we now send a sample of, at Fifty pagodas ℘ Corge his lowest price, as being unwilling at this Juncture to Reject any quantity of Cloth Without your Hon^{r}. &c^{as}. Sentiments thereon.

The 3 Bales Longcloth Fine LCFX we have already observ'd to your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. were sent to be priz'd by the President & Council wherefore we can [not] make out their Invoice till you are pleas'd to value & send us the account they are Rated at.

We beg your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will be pleased also to Order us Copy of what Paragraphs receiv'd in the Honble Companys last General Letter Concerning this Settlement And are

Fort S^{T}. David
the 1ST. October 1731.

Hon$\tilde{b}$le Sir & Sirs
Your very obedient Servants

Randall Fowke.
Edw : Croke.
R. Berriman.
R. Brooke.
Tho : Eyre.
Holland Goddard.
Edw$_{D}$. Harris.

N^{o}. 68

To the Hon$\tilde{b}$le George Morton Pitt Esq$_{R}$.
President &c., Council of Fort S^{T}. George.

Hon$\tilde{b}$le Sir & Sirs

Since Our last We have nothing [speci]al to advise, except the Arrival of [the Aisla]bie the 14th. Instant.

M^{r}. Alexander Wedderburn being [chosen] by the Hon$\breve{}$ble Masters a Factor [at this] Settlement, We desire you will noti[fy to him], that he may come to his S[tation] [as soon] as the Monsoon will permit.

We are

Fort William
24TH. August [1731].

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